

The LUTHERAN



O. FREDERICK NOLDE — Assistant to Chairman Dulles of the
Commission for Just and Permanent Peace

Lutheran World Action

Reports from U.L.C.A. Synods as of July 15, 1943

Released by ALFORD R. NAUS, Assistant Director

Synod	Cash Received	Amt. Reported	Quota	Per cent
California	\$ 3,158.55	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,900	99
Central Pennsylvania	7,425.31	39,506.78	97,900	40
Florida	860.28	1,776.08	1,100	161
Georgia-Alabama	1,812.36	1,812.36	2,300	79
Illinois	20,172.02	26,504.61	27,200	97
Indiana	5,006.45	6,487.20	10,900	60
Iowa	3,135.29	3,135.29	8,100	39
Kansas	507.20	2,509.44	5,600	45
Kentucky-Tennessee	1,084.75	3,604.55	3,800	95
Maryland	16,871.93	32,753.50	29,600	111
Michigan	828.07	5,818.53	4,400	132
Mississippi	155.66	187.18	300	62
Midwest	4,910.12	4,910.12	7,100	69
Nebraska	903.11	2,739.98	10,500	26
New York	8,030.96	63,920.10	84,400	76
North Carolina	5,123.90	17,350.65	17,000	102
Northwest	2,923.67	25,134.89	24,100	104
Ohio	10,991.58	49,903.79	37,300	134
Pacific	1,561.31	2,120.49	2,400	88
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	63,810.42	96,300.00	111,400	86
Pittsburgh	4,501.23	20,659.01	50,300	41
Rocky Mountain	131.19	2,720.82	1,700	160
Slovak Zion	1,162.23	1,162.23	7,200	16
South Carolina	4,582.56	9,198.09	12,400	74
Texas	45.00	592.05	2,800	21
Virginia	1,461.26	4,109.22	12,300	33
Wartburg	3,333.22	5,598.71	9,500	59
West Virginia	5.00	448.79	3,000	15
Canada	707.39			
Manitoba	179.26			
Nova Scotia	607.25			
Icelandic	5.00			
Miscellaneous	931.25			
Totals	\$176,924.78	\$435,814.46	\$589,500	74

For the Entire National Lutheran Council

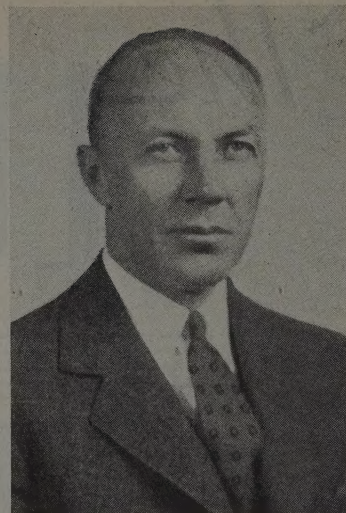
Church Body	Cash Received	Amt. Reported	Quota	Per cent
United Lutheran Church	\$176,924.78	\$435,814.46	\$589,500	74
American Lutheran Church	133,887.68	196,846.05	194,500	101
Norwegian Lutheran Church	172,578.25	172,578.25	199,900	86
Augustana Synod	45,701.89	45,701.89	133,300	34
United Danish	11,275.84	11,275.84	12,200	92
Lutheran Free Church	9,073.23	9,073.23	17,300	52
Suomi	7,007.00	7,007.00	10,300	68
Danish	608.15	937.15	6,900	14
Miscellaneous	5,194.31	5,194.31		
Totals	\$562,251.13	\$884,428.18		

Successor to Bishop Leonard

The Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh, the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, will soon leave on a visit of several months to the American armed forces overseas.

Dr. Pugh will inspect the work of the chaplains of the American churches on the various fronts on which are units of the armed services. His extended visit will carry on the trip begun by the late Methodist Bishop Adna W. Leonard, who lost his life in a plane crash in Iceland May 3.

Dr. Pugh is Bishop Leonard's successor as chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, the organization which certifies Protestant ministers to the Government for service as chaplains, and which maintains intimate relations with the chaplains and with the religious denominations to which they belong.



O. Frederick Nolde

was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1899. He was graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1920 and ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1923. In 1931 he was elected to the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of which he is an alumnus. He has the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and membership on its faculty for religious education.

Dr. Nolde has been deeply interested in the organized efforts in behalf of "A Just and Permanent Peace," which have attracted the churchmen and statesmen for the past ten years. He attended the Delaware Conference in 1942 and contributed to the discussions of that gathering and to the "follow up" publicity in behalf of its propositions. The recent Round Table Conference at Princeton owes much to his contribution of time and energy.

In the approach to the problems of post-war peace, his is not the standpoint of a Utopian. He is, however, very definitely of the conviction that great influence can be wielded by churchmen who have given and will continue to give time and thought to a framework of principles by which the terms agreed upon at the peace table will reflect the authority of religion and good will. But he deems the opportunity to provide such a beneficent influence to be entirely dependent on public opinion which has been previously well instructed; hence the time which must now be given to conferences and discussions.

Contents

FEATURE ARTICLES:

A Wartime Hymnist	6
A Model of Devotedness	7
Interest Captured by Addresses	8
Back of the World's Chaos	9
Sons of Icelandic Pioneers	12
Discovering What People Like	14

DEPARTMENTS:

Editorial	3
The Church in the News	4
In the World's Eye	5
Washington	10
Sacred Sentences	11
Across the Desk	16
Sunday School	18
Young People	19
Books	20
News	29

NEWS LETTERS:

Texas, Virginia, Nebraska, South Jersey, Rochester, East Pennsylvania Confer- ence, Georgia-Alabama	22
---	----

Nathan R. Melhorn, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D.,
Editor

Miss Harriet E. Horn, News Editor

Departmental Writers:

Oscar F. Blackwelder, D.D.
Mrs. Donald F. Irvin
J. William McCauley, D.D.
Earl S. Rudisill, Ph.D.
G. Elson Ruff, Litt.D.
Julius F. Seebach, D.D.
Amos John Traver, D.D.

Staff Correspondents:

N. Willison, Litt.D.
George L. Rinkliff

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PAPERS

T. Benton Peery, S.T.D., Chairman; E. Harry Schirmer,
Secretary; Theodore G. Tappert, D.D., the Rev. Charles
K. Fegley, the Rev. Ralph D. Heim, Ph.D., Herbert
C. Alleman, D.D., the Rev. Charles A. Linn, Ph.D.,
Edward E. Croll, Elmer F. Irey.

PUBLISHED weekly by the Board of Publication
of the United Lutheran Church in America,
1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

H. Torrey Walker, Business Manager
A. J. Arbogast, Circulation and Advertising

Subscription Price, \$2 a Year

Entered as second-class matter, Oct. 29, 1923, at the
Post Office, Phila., Pa., under act of March 3, 1879.

August 4, 1943



The Smiths have moved. Where to?

Now that concern is manifested throughout the United Lutheran Church for members absent from their parishes, one wonders how thorough a quest for those missing from their pews will be made. Certainly congregations are not forgetting individuals who have responded to the call of the nation to enter its armed services. Prayers in the sanctuary for their safe return after victory, letters, periodicals mailed them from their pastors and from fellow church members, and the activities of the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council combine to make us conscious of their absence and eager for contacts.

But a curious phenomenon is the expansion of the "sense of fellowship" to reach the host of brethren who have answered the call as civilian participants in the war effort. Pastors and church councils or committees especially established are examining the rolls of their congregations and checking the names of those who are no longer living in the parish. Removal noted, the next inquiry concerns the address to which they have gone. Often considerable investigation is needed to find their present location, but with the aid of relatives, neighbors, and friends the new place of residence is found and recorded.

The next act of *Christian* fellowship is initiation of correspondence. Letter number one is to the pastor of the church in the new community advising him of the newcomer. Second, a letter to the absentee, informing him that notice has been sent to the pastor nearest him.

Why all this trouble? Why not? There is as much lonesomeness for a new arrival in a strange community as there is for a draftee in Uncle Sam's Army. And mark you, no other group can do as much as one's church to provide associations that will be helpful.

THE CHURCH

IN THE NEWS

By G. Elson Ruff

Soldiers on home front

A FEW thousand young Americans have been excused from military service because they are conscientious objectors to war. They are in Civilian Public Service Camps, doing various types of work of general value.



Recent events prove that the convictions of these young men are not a screen for lack of courage. They are being called on to take some bold risks.

Early in the summer some 75 to 100 conscientious objectors at Wellston, Mich., offered themselves as human guinea pigs in influenza tests. An influenza virus was given them. Some had previously received a serum. Others had not. Results are intended to determine the value of new means of combating a possible influenza epidemic. A similar experiment is being made among objectors at Camp Medaryville, Indiana.

Recently plans were announced for calling C. O.'s as subjects for gonorrhea research. A minimum of 250 are needed, says Dr. R. A. Volderlehr, assistant surgeon general of the Public Health Service.

The men would undergo gonorrhea inoculations. One in a thousand would probably develop arthritis, and one in 100,000 would get heart complications likely to be fatal.

Objectors at Camp Number Seven, Magnolia, Arkansas, have been engaged in a six months' test involving eating grass instead of fruits or vegetables. Theoretically the grass should provide every known vitamin and mineral in probably the most concentrated and best balanced combination of any food in the world.

Does not forget church

FROM an American Indian soldier overseas comes this letter, quoted by the *Protestant Voice*: "The army life is all right as far as living is concerned, but I sure miss my church.

We all go to one church. It is nothing like the good old church at home. I'd give anything to be there now. I've brought my prayer book. I surely make use of it. I never knew what it meant to me until I got away."

Roman Catholic bishop for Iceland

JULY 7 the Rev. Johannes Gunnarsson was consecrated as a bishop, and will return to his home in Iceland to supervise the work of his church.

Although 98.1 per cent of the population of Iceland is Lutheran, complete religious freedom is granted to the small non-Lutheran fraction. Bishop Gunnarsson's father was for many years the only Roman Catholic in Iceland. A church was built in Reykjavik in 1929.

The constitution of Iceland, which recognizes the Lutheran Church as the established church of the land, specifies that "the people of the country are entitled to found societies to worship God in such a way as is best in conformity with their individual conscience."

Missionaries to Scandinavia

"Now that American missionary activities are being banned from so many quarters of the globe, may we not express the hope that some small portion of the money and men forcibly deflected from the Far East may find its way to the struggling missions of the Far North?" asks the Roman Catholic paper, *America*.

"The Scandinavian lands have shone forth as beacon-lights of democracy and civilization," says *America*. "Why not try to make them likewise lighthouses of Catholicism? . . . If we back up our prayers with money and men, perhaps, in the Providence of God, in reckoning the Catholic countries of the world, one may say, 'including the Scandinavian.'"

Missionaries to Peru

PERU is a Roman Catholic country, by a tremendous majority.

There are 80,000 Protestants there, and missionary work is carried on.

In a six-page document addressed to Dr. Manuel Prado, president of Peru, the Protestants report "the alarming situation created in our churches . . . as a result of the flagrant and unreasonable abuses committed against liberty of conscience and of worship and of assembly" through a "campaign of persecution which the Roman Catholic Church has opened against us."

As recently as March 17, 1943, says the Protestant petition, "the Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop of Lima was, in effect, an open incitation to persecute the Protestants, sounding a call to 'the battle against Protestantism, which is a dissolver of citizenship.'"

The police "are threatening in a thousand ways," the petition says, "those who dare to continue their religious gatherings. The distribution of the Bible, which is the Magna Charta of the Christian faith, has been prohibited in many parts of the country."

The Ministry of External Affairs of Peru excludes Protestant missionaries from the country, but permits the entry of Roman Catholic missionaries of any nationality, it is charged. Anti-Protestant courses have been made compulsory in Protestant colleges.

Speaking of Scandinavians

It seems that members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America take a more active part in politics than some of the rest of us. Two governors of midwestern states are active members of that body.

Governor John Moses of North Dakota is a member of the congregation in Bismarck, N. D. Governor Edward J. Thye of Minnesota belongs to St. John's Church in Northfield, Minn., the congregation in which he was confirmed. Governor Thye was the speaker at the recent biennial banquet of the Brotherhood of the Southern Minnesota District in Minneapolis, on "The Lutheran Church Today and Tomorrow."

IN THE WORLD'S EYE

By Julius F. Seebach

In Vichy France the "black market" is an expression of patriotism as well as of necessity. The pitiable breakdown of Vichy's system of food distribution has been caused not only by the exorbitant commandeering of supplies for the occupying forces but also by the flagrant profiteering of the Vichy officials sent to handle supplies honestly. A particularly noisome scandal has broken out in Clermont-Ferrand, the district which Laval still "represents" in the French Senate. He resents the insinuation that his political patronage conceals many a deal in the "black market," but nothing is being done to correct the open evil. The French peasants are defying outright the Vichy edicts, that they must account for the food produced on their land. They prefer to get some return for their labors by operating through the black market. Madame Wen-lang Hsi, who landed in New York July 3 with her son, formerly of the Chinese Embassy in Vichy, reports that the black market is today "the only source of sustaining life," and is patronized even by diplomats.

In These satellite days of her humiliation, Hungary has to go a long way back to find dignified and worthy figures to adorn her stamps. Word has come in a roundabout way through Spain of a new series of Hungarian stamps, but they bring nothing artistically attractive to the stamp collector. The portraits are so small and their names so tiny that only three of the group are recognizable to the naked eye. The most ancient worthy, appearing on the one-filler stamp, is the reputed founder of the Hungarian homeland—Arpad (A. D. 840-907). He is credited with having led his nomadic tribes out of their homelessness into the opening pages of their history. Strangely enough this seems to be his initial entrance into the philatelic museum. Considering his importance, it is a pity that his presentation should be so poorly done.

Another of the ancient dignitaries offered in this stamp series is Rakoczy II (1676-1735), who appears on the 8-filler stamp. A Prince of Transylvania, he is credited with having won Hungary's independence from Austria. He ought to be here now to rescue his land from the Nazis.

The Outpost, a paper published by Americans in Britain, has boxed the following item in the May issue, in order to offer a warning against the possible entrance of a pest into America—a war species of the Japanese beetle, as it were: "Britain has lately discovered a dangerous insect which attacks men, women and children indiscriminately at all seasons, but is particularly active and virulent on payday or just after. Experts in the National Savings Committee first observed the pest, and have identified it as the *Squander Bug*. Everybody in the country now knows the bug, which is easily recognized by its peculiar three-pronged tail and body marking in the shape of a swastika. This pest is being systematically exterminated with the help of local savings committees." Nota Bene: The bug is already here.

A Stream of puckish humor flows through Norway's implacable opposition to Nazi occupation. For instance: Some Norwegian youths planted a bundle of underground news sheets on the window ledge of an Oslo office building, and then informed the police that these contraband papers were to be picked up by patriots. Another police station was then called, told about the papers, and advised to send police to pick them up—plainclothes men—so that the public should not grow suspicious. The boys watched to see the fun which developed when the two groups of police mingled, each convinced that the others were Norwegian rebels. By the time they discovered their mistake many scars and bruises had been exchanged in the presence of the boys and a large crowd of laughing adult Norwegians.

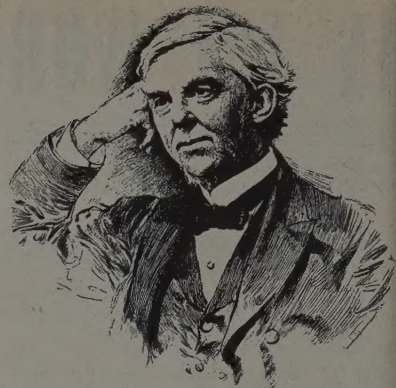
It Has Been made unlawful in Belgium for a physician to give sick-leave certificates to workmen when their condition is merely occasioned by undernourishment and overwork. The only excuse allowed for a certificate is the contraction of some specific disease by the workmen. The suspicion of the occupying authorities, that the application for a sick-leave certificate is just a form of sabotage, is natural but shortsighted, because they have the means in their own hands to check on the actual conditions, and to remove the cause. All Belgium is on the verge of various types of epidemics because of the undernourishment imposed on the land by repeated confiscations of food. An epidemic would paralyze the defense preparations of the country.

Hens, being ultra-conservative in disposition and not very bright intellectually, will continue to lay their eggs in shells. However, we are promised a profound change in the purchase and domestic use of eggs after the war. Two Michigan State College men, P. J. Schaible and C. G. Card, have perfected a process for freezing eggs which they think provides many advantages. The eggs will be frozen in bars (in dozens presumably and de-shelled), and indented so that the required number of eggs needed in any culinary operation may be detached and the rest be replaced in the home refrigerator. The detached eggs will readily defrost in room temperature within ten minutes, and can be used for all purposes as heretofore. Each egg (frozen in the bar) will be one-third inch thick and 2½ inches square, so we may have to accustom ourselves to four-cornered poached eggs on toast. Bakers and confectioners are already used to buying eggs frozen in bulk, and are said to prefer them. As for separating the whites of the eggs from the yolks for baking purposes, the housewife would have to break that off before the eggs defrosted themselves.

A WARTIME HYMNIST

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Parent and Patriot, wrote Poems of Petition and Faith in God

By ELMER SCHULTZ GERHARD, Philadelphia, Pa.



Oliver Wendell Holmes

IT MAY seem a little strange at first to see Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes classed as a writer of meditative lyrics and, most of all, as a writer of hymns, since he is known mainly for his wit and humor, for his "occasional" poems and for his prose writings. Hence, it may be just a little surprising to find the author of the *Autocrat of the Breakfast Table* and of the entire *Breakfast Table* series in a list of hymn writers. Although he was not strictly a writer of hymns, like Cowper or Newton, or Watts or Wesley, yet several of his hymns are in fairly extensive use. A still more extensive and frequent use of a few of them would be most timely and effective in these dark and hectic days that try men's souls.

It may be that the meditative, reflective element in his writings is less prominent and conspicuous than in some of his contemporaries. The trend of his mind followed different lines; his literary preferences were likewise different. But in spite of all these different characteristics, there is a meditative element fundamentally present, and all the more impressive because of its reserved character. His soul was an exquisitely sensitive one: Dr. Holmes was too sensitive and sympathetic to practice medicine, just as Woodrow Wilson was likewise too much so to practice law. Holmes seems to have approached his every subject with the tenderness of Virgil and the veiled humor and pathos of Horace, the Roman poet laureate.

DEEPLY FELT EMOTIONS

His poetry may be roughly classified as humorous, national and meditative; the latter is as characteristic as any, and is expressed in various subordinate forms, under which may be noted his hymns, of which there are about a dozen.

The Civil War, with its subsidiary issue of slavery, affected our writers in different ways; but none was aroused as Holmes was. Much of the

poetry occasioned by it is rhetorical, produced mainly in a burst or gust of patriotic emotion; but with his sensitive and sympathetic nature and deep religious feeling Holmes would take a similar theme, diffuse it with religious feeling and sentiment, and produce a hymn. He was never, temperamentally, greatly interested in public affairs; but when the war broke out he was very much aroused and wrote the stirring "Puritan War-Song" (1862), beginning with the lines—

"Where are you going, soldiers,
With banner, gun, and sword?"
"We're marching south to Canaan
To battle for the Lord!"
"What Captain leads your armies
Along the rebel coasts?"
"The Mighty One of Israel;
His name is Lord of Hosts!"

Early in the war, as parents were watching their boys—his own son, the future Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, among them—starting for the front, Holmes wrote his noble "Army Hymn" (sung to the tune of "Old Hundred") which opens with these stanzas—

"O Lord of Hosts! Almighty King!
Behold the sacrifice we bring!
To every arm Thy strength impart,
Thy spirit shed through every heart!"
"Wake in our breasts the living fires,
The holy faith that warmed our sires;
Thy hand hath made our Nation free;
To die for her is serving Thee."

Dr. Holmes could very truthfully write out of his own experience and out of the feeling of his own heart. His son was wounded three times. On that field of carnage, Antietam, the bloodiest battle of the whole war, he was seriously wounded. The father hurried south to hunt for him, gave him his own personal care and brought him home. He wrote an account of this trying ordeal, "My Hunt after the Captain," for the *Atlantic Monthly*, December 1862.

IN TIME OF ANXIETY

As the war progressed and the carnage increased, when every day

the dread tidings came that this one had been wounded and that one killed, when homes all over the land were shrouded in anxiety and mourning, and when many an agonizing soul was saying, "But if they don't come back," Holmes wrote this "Parting Hymn," a hymn of petition and resignation. It begins with these several stanzas and is sung to the tune of "Dundee."

"Father of Mercies, Heavenly Friend,
We seek Thy gracious throne;
To Thee our faltering prayers ascend,
Our fainting hearts are known!"

"From blasts that chill, from suns that smite,
From every plague that harms;
In camp and marsh, in siege and fight,
Protect our men-at-arms!"

"Though from our darkened lives they take
What makes our life most dear,
We yield them for their country's sake
With no relenting tear."

It is to be regretted that these several hymns of Dr. Holmes are not more widely and more frequently used. One could wish to hear them sung. They touch the same chords of the human heart, they stir up the same emotions, and they appeal to the same spirit of sacrifice and of faith as they did eighty years ago. Their use would be most timely during these hectic days, shrouded in doubt, fear and anxiety, in distraction and despair, and in carnage, brutality and bestiality.

HIS GREATEST HYMN

Dr. Holmes wrote other hymns in a different strain. He was profoundly religious; no irreverent word ever escaped from his tongue or pen. He never stated a creed nor tried to formulate one. The Fatherhood of

God was to him the supreme Truth, and trust in God and His Word was sufficient for him. These feelings he expressed most devoutly and trustingly in his "Hymn of Trust" (1857) beginning with these lines—

"O Love Divine, that stooped to share
Our sharpest pang, our bitterest
tear;

On Thee we cast each earth-born care,
We smile at pain while Thou art
near!"

It is the most highly prized hymn Holmes ever wrote, and is used on both sides of the Atlantic.

Humankind will ever need the Source of Light which will lead it aright. This thought he expressed in another fine lyric, "A Sun-Day Hymn":

"Lord of all being! throned afar."

It is used both in England and in America, and is probably the most widely used of all his hymns. Its appeal is frankly universal in interest. It was soon used, with the author's permission, in a collection of hymns prepared for the Methodist Church. It is the only one of his hymns found in the *Presbyterian Hymnal*; in fact, it is virtually found in all hymnals. The *Pilgrim Hymnal* also contains his other famous hymn, "O Love Divine That Stooped to Share." The *American Episcopal Hymnal* has two of his hymns, one of which is the "Army Hymn," written at the time his son entered the army.

Four of the hymns already mentioned are included in *Lyra Sacra Americana* by Charles Dexter Cleveland, London, 1868. Several years ago a jury of twelve men of all faiths was selected to choose hymns for a hymnal of one hundred selections. It was only natural that there should be wide disagreement. But of all the hymns submitted only four obtained eight votes each, and one of them was Holmes' "Sun-Day Hymn." This same hymn is also found in the *New Hymnal for American Youth*. Other hymnals contain a few of his less known hymns.

If one forms an honest estimate of the contribution Dr. Holmes made to American life and literature and the effort he made "to gladden, inspire, and encourage the human heart and lift the life of his fellows toward God and all that tends to goodness," one must needs conclude

that he is possibly, after all, not "the least important and the least read of the notable poets who contributed to

the glory of New England in the heyday of her literary fame," as a recent writer says he is.

A Model of Devotedness

Mississippi Synod Holds High Place in U. L. C. A. Loyalty

By H. BRENT SCHAEFFER

THE Mississippi Synod (the U. L. C. A.'s smallest) and the synodical Women's Missionary Society met July 6-8 in the attractive and churchly new Redeemer Lutheran Community Church in the Craig Springs community, twenty miles from Louisville, Miss., the Rev. C. L. Irwin pastor, with student Joe Killinger assisting him during the summer. The building was dedicated during the meeting of synod. The full dedication service was used by Pastor Irwin and a memorable sermon preached by the official U. L. C. A. representative, F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., on "This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Members of all church groups represented in the community co-operated in the building of our church, they support the worship and work, and joined together in caring for the delegates.

THE LUTHERAN regrets exceedingly that its plan to publish pictures of the church encountered conditions that compel delay. A special story of the dedication with illustrations is expected to be ready for publication in the near future. Until then congratulations and good wishes are extended.

The Rev. W. E. Fox, National Lutheran Council service pastor at the Lutheran Service Center, Hattiesburg, Miss., preached the sermon at the opening service.

At a special Vesper Service "The Calendar of Causes" was brought with force and clarity to the conventions and congregation by Dr. Reinartz. The Rev. J. O. Glenn was the convention chaplain.

Reports revealed that, though small, the Mississippi Synod "holds up" the U. L. C. A. with enthusiasm and loyalty. There is connection with every auxiliary, active association through committee representation with every Board, participation in every cause. Two laymen lifted up Dr. Reinartz during a recess

period as symbolic of the smallest synod's attitude.

Upon several occasions the subject of evangelism was brought up for the consideration of the convention. It was voted to prepare for intensified efforts in the congregations in a co-operative program. The Rev. Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, director of evangelism, will be invited to hold an institute for leaders in the synod within the next year. It was voted to co-operate in full measure with the plan of the Board of Foreign Missions in holding congregational study groups throughout the synod. The Rev. O. M. Morgan of Burns represents the Board of Social Missions in the synod, and the Rev. E. T. Beaver of Laurel, the Board of Foreign Missions.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

The new Pension Plan was approved and commended to the congregations for favorable study.

Grace Church, Laurel, the Rev. E. T. Beaver pastor, became self-supporting the first of the year.

For the fourth consecutive year U. L. C. A. apportionment was paid in full, and by July 1 of this year one-half for 1943 had been received.

More than the standard number of subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN come into homes of the synod.

Sixty-two per cent of the quota for Lutheran World Action has been paid, and it was resolved to "keep at it" until paid 100 per cent.

The statistical report showed a gain in every membership group and in every financial section.

OFFICERS FOR 1943-44

President, H. Brent Schaeffer, D.D., Jackson, Miss.; secretary, the Rev. O. M. Morgan, Burns; treasurer, W. H. Seefeld, Laurel; statistician, the Rev. E. T. Beaver, Laurel; archivist, W. E. Glenn, Louisville, Miss., were chosen.

Interest Captured by Addresses

Nova Scotia Delegates Prepare for Year of Activities

BESIDE the placid waters of Mahone Bay, the Nova Scotia Synod held its forty-first annual convention in St. John's Church June 25-27. In spite of the close proximity of the sea, synod sweltered through one of the warmest first day's sessions on record, and it was only with the beginning of the second day that the moderating effects of the ocean breezes began to be felt. It must have been the bracing salt tang in the air that gave synod the stamina to sit through one of the longest sessions in its history.

The convention began Friday morning with the Service of Holy Communion, with President Whitteker and Secretary Goos officiating. The Rev. C. H. Whitteker delivered the sermon from the text I Cor. 15: 58, in which he reminded his hearers that the Church's chief function was not to make the world a Utopia according to the standards of men, but

OFFICERS OF NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD
(*L. to r.*): Retiring treasurer, Mr. C. B. Begin, who has served his synod in that office for twenty years; President C. H. Whitteker, unanimously elected for the fifth consecutive two-year term; the new treasurer, Mr. Jessen E. Hirtle of Bridgewater; Secretary Walter J. Goos.

Protestant Chaplain of Military District No. 6, who was introduced by the Rev. Capt. George Innes, formerly pastor of historic Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, now a chaplain in His Majesty's armed forces. Colonel Gordon emphasized the special work of the chaplain, that it was being recognized as primarily a spiritual work by those in authority. "There is no more popular officer with the men, than the chaplain," said the colonel.

The president's report was read

half of the executive, presented him with a suitable gift.

In the elections which followed, the Rev. C. H. Whitteker was unanimously re-elected president for a two-year term. The Rev. Walter J. Goos was re-elected secretary, and Mr. Jessen Hirtle of Bridgewater was elected treasurer.

Towards the close of the session F. E. Reinartz, D.D., the official representative of the U. L. C. A., was given an hour to present the work of the Church at large. Dr. Reinartz has the happy faculty of being able to bring his points home to his hearers in a very personal and intimate manner. Graphically he showed how the Church at large is no greater than the individual member, and that the work of the Church at large is his work.

PENSIONS FOR MINISTERS

The chief item of business on Saturday was consideration of the recommendation of the Executive Committee with respect to the Pension Plan. After much discussion the following recommendation was adopted by synod:

That synod approve in principle the plan of the U. L. C. A. for a Contributory Pension Reserve Fund; that we believe that the socializing of the congregational contributions would greatly strengthen the plan; that in order to make the plan more feasible for the Canadian section of the Church, payments should be accepted in Canadian funds; that the Executive Committee commends the Contributory Pension Plan of the U. L. C. A. to the congregations of synod for careful study.



PASTORS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD

Front (l. to r.): Louis G. Bald, F. Eppling Reinartz, U. L. C. A. representative, C. H. Whitteker, Chaplain George Innes, E. V. Nonamaker, Walter J. Goos
Rear: W. Minke, J. S. Dauphinee, P. W. H. Eyd, C. Monk

rather a Utopia according to the standards of God. Therefore, as pastors and lay leaders everywhere made this last their aim, so would they find that their labor was "not in vain in the Lord."

CHAPLAINS PRESENT

The first business session opened at 2.30 P. M., at which time twenty-four delegates and five pastors answered the roll call. One of the highlights of this session was the address given by Lieut.-Col. Gordon, Chief

and subsequently adopted, together with its recommendation. Among these last was one to the effect that synod strive for a 10 per cent increase in its apportionment receipts this year.

The treasurer's report showed a fine balance in the synodical account and a general increase in apportionment receipts of approximately \$280. At this point the president announced the retirement of the treasurer, Mr. C. B. Begin, after twenty years of faithful service, and on be-

While this recommendation was adopted, it does not mean that it met with whole-hearted approval. Indeed, a number of the pastors voiced considerable criticism against the new plan. However, synod does not want to be unco-operative with the Church at large. Hence, in that spirit of co-operation, the recommendation was passed, coupled with the spirit of watchful waiting to see what the rest of the Church is going to do about the new plan.

Another interesting item of the day was the report of the Lutheran World Action appeal. Synod's objective was \$1,000, and the report showed that this had been passed by a comfortable margin, the grand total being \$1,084.15.

MISSION INTERESTS

As a result of the report and recommendations of Pastor Paul W. H. Eydtt, the synodical representative to

the Deputation and Fellowship School of Missions held at Gettysburg recently, synod agreed to take definite steps this fall to stimulate the interest of individual congregations in the cause of World Evangelism, provided the Board of Foreign Missions will be able to provide the services of a returned missionary who will be "in residence" among us on this territory.

The public services Friday and Sunday were well attended. Dr. Reinartz delivered two highly edifying messages Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Sunday morning the Rev. James S. Dauphinee of the Northfield Parish preached a forceful sermon on the gospel for the day. In the evening the Rev. Capt. George Innes, our synodical representative in the Canadian Chaplaincy Service, was the preacher. In a very concrete fashion he gave synod an insight into the nature of his work.

sionary and young people's societies. Comparative statistics of city and country churches are therefore misleading, and if they are made the basis of recognition of achievement in the election of delegates to synods and in appointments to the boards of the church, they are manifestly unfair. The discussion showed a tendency on the part of rural pastors to feel that those in the city have a sense of superiority, especially since so many of them, having begun their ministry in the country, are tempted to look upon their call to the city as a promotion. But this assertion was challenged vigorously by the men from the city, who reminded their country brethren that not all city pastors achieve such recognition, and that Christians who live in the city have their problems too.

This debate, while on a relatively unimportant side issue, did serve to reveal the underlying problem of city-country relationships. The task of the church in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven is to create mutual understanding, good will and sympathy between all classes and conditions of men. Before the church can speak consistently to the dangerous tensions of modern life between city labor unions and unorganized farmers and between city investors and tenant farmers, its ministry will have to set the example by itself transcending these differences in the Spirit of Him Who said, "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth." In the Babel of conflicting interests, this voice from the Bible is spoken in the one language that can bring men to mutual understanding.

Muzzled by Divisions

One trouble with the rural church, said Dr. Hewitt, is that it consists of "colonies" instead of "statehood." The civil government is so organized that it can locate every person within its boundaries for the purposes of education, taxation and military service. The last man can be found for these; but the mutual jealousies and suspicions of the various denominations of the Christian Church have created a situation in which there are many dark belts of ignorance with respect to religion and knowledge of the gospel. A divided church cannot speak to the rural

(Continued on page 15)

Back of the World's Chaos

Gettysburg's Seminary Week Made Memorable by Discussions of Trouble-making Conditions

Reported for THE LUTHERAN by DR. R. T. STAMM

Rural and City Churches

The area of required changes for post-war recovery was considerably widened by principles expressed by **Dr. Arthur Wentworth Hewitt**, author of *Highland Shepherds* and *God's Back Pastures*. He stated that an essential problem exists in the differing characteristics of rural and city churches.

Of a panel discussion which followed Dr. Hewitt's presentation and which was led by faculty member **Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen**, the following paragraphs are reported by Dr. Stamm:

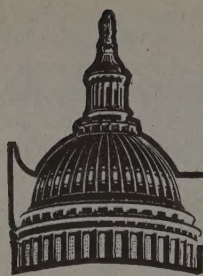
The first question raised was whether there is sufficient difference between the task of the rural and that of the city church to require the training of a specialized ministry and the preparation of special educational literature for country congregations by the boards of the church. Outward differences of circumstances, said Dr. Hewitt, are not essential, for the human heart is the same, city or country: "He fashion-

eth their hearts alike." At the same time, however, he warned that the city mentality and emphasis is working havoc with the country ministry.

In the subsequent discussion it was observed that these differences are not to be ignored. The sermon to country folk must use different illustrations. The psychology of the man who lives in the country is different. He tends to be more conservative, because he lives in closer touch with Nature, and Nature's processes will not be hurried. The farmer has a greater sense of dependence on God. The man in the city has his economic difficulties too; but, unlike drought or storm, these are due to the manipulations of men.

City and Rural Pastors

The result is that the rural church tends to move more slowly. Membership is smaller and there are fewer leaders. Longer distances to travel make Sunday the one church day in the week. This limits the number of meetings and the number of auxiliaries—brotherhoods, mis-



WASHINGTON

By OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER

AND

RALPH W. LOEW

A Catholic Bishop in Iceland!

THE consecration of Johannes Gunnarson as Bishop of Iceland by the Apostolic Legate in St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington focuses some interesting attention on the presence of the Roman Catholic Church in Iceland. The event was highlighted in the press and received considerable local attention as well as publicity through Catholic Church circles. It is perfectly proper for the Roman Church to consecrate a bishop for its followers in Iceland, although that title may seem a bit presumptuous. There are but 500 Roman Catholics in that country, or less than one per cent of the population. By authoritative statement of those who know church problems in Iceland, the Catholic Church there is largely two hospitals, a school and a church, in reality a missionary organization doing humanitarian work.

We hope from church and press more publicity to this event, increasingly more. Enough publicity, for instance, to focus attention on what is happening in South America. We should like to see the appointment by the National Lutheran Council of native Lutheran Bishops for Argentina, Brazil or British Guiana, where the Lutheran populations are larger than the Roman Catholic congregations in Iceland. We should like to have the Catholic Church remember its recent attempts to blockade the entrance of Protestant missionaries to South America. Emphatically do we insist that the Catholic Church has the right, if it so wishes, to appoint a bishop for the one per cent Catholic population of a 99 per cent Lutheran country. We do likewise insist on the right to continue Protestant work in South American countries and we hope that Protestant churches refuse to back down on this essential freedom of faith and action. This is the time for the Protestant Church to be heard at the State Department. And how shall

they hear? First of all, by brief personally signed letters from people in the congressional districts of the nation; and second, by letters to editors.

He Will Live

LAST week Dr. James Brown Scott, retired secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, was buried in Arlington. Dr. Scott was an authority on international law. Many folks think that Francisco de Vitoria, a Spanish Dominican Friar of the fifteenth century, was the founder of international law. At any rate, a portrait of de Vitoria was ordered for the Justice Department but nobody could find a print or engraving of him. The artist, after searching in vain, painted Dr. Scott's head on de Vitoria, and for many years the painting has hung in the Justice Building with few people, if any, recognizing Dr. Scott's head. Now the secret is out.

Seventh Day Adventists

THE Seventh Day Adventists met here for their Potomac Conference. Their figures for a small denomination surely challenge the "big fellows." They are working in 413 countries and are preaching in 810 languages. They operate 163 sanitariums and 83 publishing houses. Last year their sale of religious literature amounted to \$4,300,000. Their members gave a total of \$9,467,574 in tithes and in addition gave \$4,304,000 to foreign missions, which means a world average per capita of \$31.13. Do you wonder that their general secretary called the record, "the most amazing progress in all the world"? Do your own calculating on what such an average would do for the Lutherans.

The Dairy Proposition

PARTICULARLY the Norwegian Ambassador, Mr. W. Munthe Morgenstierne, is interested in our proposed dairy proposition for needy coun-

tries after the war. Again a small church shows us the way. The Church of the Brethren with only 180,000 members in this country has announced plans for shipping five to ten thousand dairy cows to Europe after the war as an expression of international friendship. Their General Mission Board is calling it "Heifers for Relief Project." The Belgian Relief Commission will transport the heifers to the low countries. Here is one of the best possible church programs for post-war planning. Have you written Dr. Knubel or the National Lutheran Council?

A Remarkable Record

ON July 5 announcement was made on the floor of the House that one of our good friends, Representative Paul Brown of Georgia, had completed exactly ten years in the House without missing a roll call, and without missing a meeting of his committee. At once another of our friends, Representative John Rankin of Mississippi, rose to welcome him to this little group. Anyone acquainted even to a slight degree with the demands on a Representative's time in the Congress recognizes this remarkable record. Georgia and Mississippi folks can feel proud of their Congressmen, not only for faithfulness but for high character and conscientious attention to duty.

Men at Prayer

A SMALL group of Congressmen have been holding an early breakfast once a week at the Capitol for Bible reading, discussion and prayer. Earnest men are seeking divine guidance. David Lawrence, widely known columnist, was the speaker at the last meeting. Senator Willis of Indiana declared, "Christian teachings are the only hope of solving our domestic problems." . . . Senator Davis of Pennsylvania recalled that his grandfather had read the Bible daily for forty years. . . . Baptists were in the majority at this last meeting, with a scattering of Methodists, Lutherans, and Presbyterians.

Around the Village

HUMOR on a crowded bus in July. . . . A lady with nine children entered a bus with the conductor asking if these were all hers or was she going to a picnic. Her memorable report was that these were all hers and it was not a picnic.

SACRED SENTENCES AND OBSERVATIONS

Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
Psalm 107: 8

FLYING "blind" through thick clouds and dodging mountains that threatened instant destruction, Lieut. Col. Joseph Thomas led his group of bombers safely to a landing in northern Tunisia. Others had turned back baffled, but this squadron defied all dangers and carried out its mission successfully. The intrepid young commander was nicknamed "Lucky" because of his hairbreadth escapes on numerous occasions. But what some considered luck he himself credited partly to scientific knowledge and even more to providential care. Behind the clouds and the mountains is their Creator, Who rules and overrules.

+ + +

And having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them. *Matthew 8: 6*

WHEN facing death, the wounded pilot brings back his disabled plane "on a wing and a prayer," and the machine-gunned soldier in the fox-hole prays spontaneously for deliverance. But when facing normal life in the security of a peaceful home, how many have a prayer in their hearts and a song on their lips? Take a Gallup poll of your congregation and then hang your head when you learn how few of your fellow church members have family prayers, or even "say grace" at meals. 'Tis better to create a Christian "atmosphere" and prayerful spirit in the home than to wait for emergencies in life to drive your spiritual charges to their knees.

+ + +

And they set them before the multitude. *Mark 8: 6*

PRAYING lips give thanks to the Father and seek His blessing, but ministering hands are necessary to distribute His bounties. The multiplied loaves would have molded and the fishes would have spoiled if left in the baskets; but distributed to the hungry they gave refreshment and

cheer. Whether in groups served by the twelve under the skies or in congregations and families ministered to by those who "serve tables" in church or home, co-operative effort is essential to the sharing of the blessings from the Father.

+ + +

And all that believed were together, and had all things common.
Acts 2: 44

SECRETARY of State Cordell Hull in assuring the peoples of the little countries of the world that the United States is the champion of their rights, said: "The liberty that we jealously safeguard as the right of every American nation, great and small, is the same liberty which we believe should be established throughout the earth." Said another: "America is coming into its greatest day, to share with a devastated and starving world—share food, share clothing, share the Christian way of life." And vastly different is this Christian way from that of the godless revolution disguised under the name of "Communism." When the early Christians "were together and had all things common," the pooling of their material interests was not to the disparagement of the individual, family, or church but to the furtherance of Christian liberty and true brotherhood.

+ + +

If any will not work, neither let him eat. *II Thessalonians 3: 10*

THE communal experiment of the early church soon came into disrepute. Ananias and Sapphira held back part of their possessions and then lied about it. Some doubtless became shiftless and lazy while they ate at "the public trough." Denouncing such the apostle Paul advised, "If any will not work, neither let him eat." Community of interests in church, state, or business relations does not necessarily imply a submerging of personal rights or a relaxing of individual efforts. Individual initiative and effort develop strong men, and the latter, with faith in God and each other, build firmly the state and the spiritual kingdom.

By J. WILLIAM McCAULEY

Lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.

I Timothy 6: 12

IN a bottle placed over the graves of three Americans killed in Tunisia was a note with this testimony written by a German officer: "Here lie three valorous soldiers, members of an American panzer division, killed in action." Such a chivalrous confession comports with the corresponding conduct of American chaplains who bury the Axis dead with full religious and military rites. "The life eternal" survives the life laid down on human altars. All true soldiers of the cross are exhorted with faithful Timothy to keep firm hold on the eternal verities.

+ + +

Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.

Matthew 6: 25

ONE should be careful but not full of care. The invitation of the divine Bearer of burdens is to cast all care on Him, "for He careth for you." This is not a mere playing with words, for to cast away our cares and anxieties is to retain them no longer. And to cast them into the strong arms of the heavenly Father is to have the assurance that He will handle them for us, and that He will give us His peace instead. The religion of Jesus is concerned in a practical way with the temporal life and its sustenance, and with the body and its care, in so far as these condition the welfare of the spirit.

PRAYER

OUR Lord and Master, help us to be grateful for all Thy mercies, and to rejoice in Thy manifold gifts and the opportunities to employ them. Forgive us for our lack of vision, and help us to see how and where we ought to labor in Thy kingdom, and to delight in serving where Thou dost command. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

Sons of Icelandic Pioneers

Icelandic Synod's Pastors and Congregations in Annual Convention Assembled

By K. K. OLAFSON

THE fifty-ninth annual convention of the Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America has passed into history. The meeting was held June 18-21 in the Vikur Lutheran Church of Mountain, N. D. This church is the oldest house of worship in the synod. There the organization meeting of the body was held in January 1885. In the cemetery beside the church is a plain shaft marking the final resting place of the founder of the congregation,



Rev. H. Sigmar Elected President

the Rev. Paul Thorlaksson. He was a pioneer pastor of pre-synodical days and the founder of the community. His memory is revered for his devoted leadership in spiritual and temporal things. He spent himself in many labors, counting not the cost. His death in his early thirties was universally mourned.

A COMMUNITY OF DISTINCTION

The Pembina County Icelandic settlement, of which the inland town of Mountain is the center, is the largest colony in the United States of immigrants and their descendants from the *Ultima Thule* of the North. This community, which is included within the range of five townships, has made a unique contribution to the life of the Icelandic contingent in America, as well as to the nations of which it is a part. From this area—soon crowded as all homestead land was taken up—has gone forth again and again an overflow of ad-

venturous pioneers for the founding and building up of many new communities in the United States and Canada. It long held the distinction of sending a larger quota of its young people to higher institutions of learning than any other community of equal population in the State of North Dakota. Some professors at the University of North Dakota made the comparison more inclusive. Of these, an unusually large proportion have made a name for themselves in the professions, politics, and other fields of human endeavor.

A GALAXY OF NAMES

From the western rim of Pembina County have gone forth such men as Vilhjálmur Stefánsson, the explorer and noted author of world fame, who was confirmed in the church at



Vikur Church, Oldest in Synod

Mountain in 1893; C. H. Thordarson, the well-known electrical inventor and manufacturer of Chicago; Dr. Sveinbjörn Johnson of the University of Illinois, at one time Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota; and scores of men, who in church and state have made real history in their line of activity. The community has been a mi-

crocosm of astounding richness, harboring talents and trends that have set it apart. For seven years it was the home of the illustrious poet, Stephen G. Stephansson, who has won recognition as one of the foremost Icelandic bards of his day and was acclaimed as the greatest poet in the British Empire during his subsequent life in Canada by no less an authority than a Harvard professor. All the major influences that have affected modern life made themselves strongly felt in this diminutive laboratory for human living. It deserves a monograph in the annals of American history.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH

In this welter of life and opinion the church has from the beginning continued as a potent factor, revealing both its strength and weakness. It has been the strongest cohesive force within the Icelandic contingent in America. This has been emphatically true in the North Dakota settlement. It has unfortunately lost many that it should have held. It has become involved in controversies that have not always proved fruitful. It has lost prestige and regained it; but it has prevailed and rendered an inestimable service to the community through the years. This indicates something of the divine power of the gospel with which it is entrusted and which prevails in spite of human frailty.

AN INTERNATIONAL SYNOD

Straddling the international boundary in such a way that about one third of its constituency is found in the United States and two thirds in Canada, the little Icelandic Synod



Harald S. Sigmar, Ordained Grandson of Synod's Founder, Paul Thorlaksson

has continued its way with its background in the life and traditions of the Church of Iceland. Using more Icelandic in its work than almost all—if not all—other bilingual bodies on the continent use their native tongues, its constituency has always been recognized as pre-eminently American and Canadian. Its status has contributed to a balanced national attitude.

RELATIONS TO OTHER LUTHERANS

Similarly, its ecclesiastical attitude to other Lutherans has in no small measure been affected throughout its history by the necessity of circumstances. The synod was too small to stand alone. It needed others. It needed a native ministry, but could not afford to maintain its own educational institutions. Less than a half a dozen of its ministers in the whole span of its history, were trained in Iceland. The rest, fortunately, had to resort to schools of other Lutheran bodies in America. These schools have belonged to the Missouri Synod, the Norwegian Lutheran Church and its antecedents, the United Lutheran Church and its antecedents, and the Swedish Augustana Synod. Out of such contacts super-added to native Icelandic individualism, Lutheran exclusivism could not be built. Our predilection for the Chicago Seminary with the Weidner tradition of serving all Lutherans and bringing them together to know each other, headed us most naturally toward organic union with the U. L. C. A. It seems a clear parable from life that need of others and resulting contacts are potent in bringing together those who otherwise might remain apart. Necessity may even be powerful in resolving theological disagreements. Possibly the greatest promise for bringing together the Lutherans of America into the fullest unity, is the necessity of the situation.

THE WAR SITUATION

That the present meeting could be held in the United States was due to the recent relaxing by the Canadian government of the absolute rule established under war conditions that all Canadians going to the United States must have passports. Last year the synod declined an invitation from the American side, due to this restriction. This time a sim-

pler and easier arrangement could be made, but not too easy according to the testimony of Canadian delegates. They had to establish themselves as fit and worthy beyond question.

THE OPENING SERVICE

The opening service of the convention was held Friday evening, June 18. The liturgists were the *pastor loci*, the Rev. H. Sigmar, and the Rev. S. Olafson, vice-president, of Selkirk, Manitoba. The Rev. V. J. Eylands of Winnipeg preached the synodical sermon, based on Heb. 12: 1, stressing endurance in the work of the Lord. The Communion was administered and an offering presented for Lutheran World Action. The service was in Icelandic.

THE U. L. C. A. REPRESENTATIVE

R. H. Gerberding, D.D., president of the Synod of the Northwest, was the official representative of the U. L. C. A. Besides his official presentation of the work and aims of the general organization, he consented to speak Saturday evening, when the public was more generally represented. His subject was, "For Such a Time as This," a pertinent and forceful address. The visit to the Icelandic Synod will be memorable for him because of one experience at least. For the first time in his life he was present at an Icelandic service. The visit will be memorable to members of the synod because of Dr. Gerberding's gracious personality and his forthright brotherliness, as well as for reviving memories of his sainted father, who was a visitor to this synod more than once, a friend of long standing to many, and the revered teacher of several of our pastors. Dr. R. H. Gerberding takes a worthy place in the succession of U. L. C. A. representatives.

THE ORDINATION SERVICE

The oldest son of the local pastor, Harald S. Sigmar, was graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary in May, and also received the M.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Having received and accepted a call to Calvary Church in Seattle, Wash., he was ordained to the ministry at the morning service, June 20. Fifty-six years before, his grandfather, the late Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson, was ordained in this

same church, founded by his brother. The present pastor is a son-in-law of the Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson. A noble succession indeed. The liturgist was the ordinand's uncle, the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, former missionary in Japan. The *Vita* (biographical sketch) of the ordinand was read by his father. The sermon on "The Power of the Word" was delivered by President K. K. Olafson, who officiated at the ordination. At the close of the service the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson delivered a special charge to the newly ordained pastor. His grandmother presented him with his grandfather's cross of gold and his watch. A very impressive service.

THE MAIN AGENDA

The Home Mission work of the synod is its most vital activity. On the promotion of that depends the welfare of every other cause of the synod. A very full report on this activity was presented by the Rev. V. J. Eylands of Winnipeg on behalf of the committee in charge. Another major concern is the fuller co-ordination of our activity with that of the U. L. C. A. Some progress is being made in bringing to our people a vision of the wide scope of this general work, including co-operation with other Lutherans in Lutheran World Action. At this session much time was taken up with a revision of the Constitution and By-laws.

A NEW CONSTITUTION IN ENGLISH AND ICELANDIC

Up to the present the synod has not had an English constitution nor by-laws. It is over twenty years since the Icelandic Constitution and By-laws were last printed. Since then several amendments have been added, scattered through the minutes of past sessions. There was urgent need that this be brought together in an official English and Icelandic form. For several years this work has been in progress in the hands of a committee consisting of the Rev. V. J. Eylands, Attorney H. A. Bergman, and Mr. Finnur Johnson, all of Winnipeg. Partial report by this committee had been made before, but now the final report was made. With minor changes it was adopted.

Among the most outstanding
(Concluded on page 15)

Discovering What People Like

Results of Preference Poll on ULPH Church Bulletin Series

By G. ELSON RUFF

DURING three years of publication, the ULPH church bulletins have become an established feature in the life of 1,500 congregations of the United Lutheran Church. Of the ULC congregations publishing weekly bulletins of any kind, about two-thirds are using the ULPH series. Average circulation of these folders is now 200,000 a week.

Our church has been a pioneer in many respects in creating this means of education. No others have yet tried to do what we are doing in providing our people through such a medium with a broad background of information regarding our worship and work. It is something new in church journalism.

"The bulletins have built up our attendance and contributed to a higher degree of churchmanship on the part of our people," writes a pastor. "We have been enriched spiritually by the interesting, helpful, yet dignified treatment of subjects fundamental to intelligent participation in the program of the Lutheran Church," writes another.

"Your page four has done as much to inform our people as five years of pastoral work," reports a modest pastor. From hundreds of congregations we have received similar statements of approval during the year.

Although the bulletins have received enthusiastic approval ever since they started, the Publication House wanted to know which of them are liked best, and what style of treatment is most approved. This is in line with the practice of secular periodicals which seek diligently to gauge "reader acceptance."

The questionnaire method was the only one practicable in this case. The questions were necessarily directed largely to pastors. More than one tenth of the pastors whose congregations use the bulletins filled in the detailed questionnaire showing their preferences regarding the first and fourth pages of the ULPH bulletins for 1942-43. They also furnished nearly a thousand suggestions regarding future bulletins. Ques-

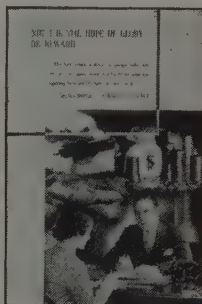
tionnaires were received from a highly representative group, located in twenty-six states and in Canada.

Pictures people like

Of the forty bulletins in 1942-43, thirty-nine received majority approval on the first-page picture. Approval ranged from 9 to 95 per cent; that is, favorable opinion outweighed unfavorable opinion to this extent.

Highest, of course, were the three

Photo from business world rated low



This picture was used to express the theme of the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard. It was in thirty-first place.

full-color bulletins, for Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter.

Next to the festival bulletins in popularity was one which showed a soldier shaking hands with his pastor at the church door. Evidently we like pictures closely related to strong current interests.

However, these interests must be clearly connected with the church. Church pictures in general, of a young man being ordained to the ministry, people entering church, people praying in church, slightly outranked the biblical pictures in the preference poll. Purely secular pictures, though closely related to the theme of the Gospel for the Day, rated in the lowest group.

The value of a picture as accepted by art critics has nothing to do with its approval in the bulletin service. Zim-

merman's "Christ and the Fishermen," an agreeable piece of nineteenth-century illustration, rated eighth, while an engraving by Albrecht Durer, "The Flight into Egypt," rated thirty-fifth. A typical woodcut by the twentieth-century European master, Rudolf Schafer, who is the pride of many students of religious art, was thirty-eighth.

The one picture which received majority disapproval was a sinister drawing of the Evil One, illustrating the Parable of the Enemy Sowing Tares in the Field.



We don't like the devil

This picture was in lowest place, the only one definitely disliked. Next to the lowest place went to a picture of the Temptation, showing Christ and Satan.

The Fourth Pages

On the fourth page of each Sunday's bulletin is an article, about 400 words in length regarding Christian life, worship, doctrine, history, or organization. During 1942-43 some of these were entitled "Why read the Bible," "Hymns in the Heart," "The Farmer and His Faith," "Symbols of the Twelve Apostles." The fourth pages won higher ratings than the first pages.

The preferences reflect the fact that ministers did the voting, for those placed highest were articles clarifying the place and work of the pastor. "Do not Sorrow Overmuch," a piece about how to deal with the question of funerals, was in first place; "How to Listen to a Sermon" and "What is a Minister?" were second and third.

Two pages on hymns rated above average, receiving sixteenth and eighteenth places, while two pages on church symbols rated below average being twenty-third and twenty-fifth. Study of church doctrines was highly approved; two such pages, one entitled "Sinners who are Saints" and another, "Dictionary of Great Words," were sixth and fifteenth. A piece on "The History of Holy Communion" was seventh.

Anything helpful in interpreting our church worship had a high rating. A page entitled "Easter will be Late this Year," which explained the manner in which the church calendar is determined, was thirteenth, and a piece on "Keeping Lent" was fifth.

"Short short" sermons, for Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter received very high ratings; the one for Easter being in fourth place.

You can't please everyone



PALM SUNDAY BULLETIN was the best. Ninety-five per cent said it was excellent. One subscriber said it was poor.

"Causes" must be personal

"I do not like those which deal with the mechanics of the Church," writes a pastor regarding the bulletins. "These are important, but it is the spirit which giveth life." He speaks for a majority, for bulletins which dealt with the organized work of the church received ratings much below average. The two pages on the Louisville convention were in thirty-fifth and thirty-ninth places. A page on the book program of the Board of Publication was thirty-eighth, and one on the work of the Parish and Church School Board was fortieth. A series of four bulletins on phases of Lutheran World Action did better, rating twentieth, twenty-fourth, twenty-sixth, and twenty-eighth.

An explanation of the division of Lutheran church bodies in America was in twenty-second place, and a page of statistics on Lutherans in each of the states was twenty-ninth. There were pages on "Lutherans in Virginia" and "Lutherans in Texas," both of which rated down in the thirties.

A clue to the proper treatment of "causes" is given by the high rating (twelfth) given to a page entitled, "It Happened in Prison." It was a description of the work of Chaplain Stremel in the Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburgh. It was specific, concrete, and in no way identified as part of a program of Social Missions. Evidently we are eager to read about what the church is doing, but not much interested in the way in which the church must be organized to do its work.

Even the bulletins which were low in the scale of preference received strong approval. For instance, a bulletin which rated in thirty-fifth place was called "excellent" by 55 per cent of the subscribers, "fair" by 40 per cent and "poor" by only 5 per cent. The bulletin in the lowest place was called "poor" by only 11 per cent, "excellent" by 37 per cent. Others rated it "fair."

Future plans

The results of the preference poll will not modify the purpose of the bulletin service, which is to offer to our congregations help in instructing the man in the pew in the things he needs to know. However, from the poll we learn not to use pictures simply for their art value. We learn to avoid pictures from secular life which cannot be very closely related to church life. We shall have only one bulletin on church symbols, and three on church hymns during the coming year. We shall drop the state-by-state study of Lutheranism, but try one on the condition of Lutheranism in a foreign country where the present circumstances have produced dramatic interest.

Suggestions on subject-matter re-

ceived from subscribers are about 25 per cent in the field of church worship, so that subject will receive still more emphasis during the coming year than it has received in the past. There will be more bulletins on various phases of congregational life, and a number on personal and family religion. In describing the program of the church-at-large we shall try to center on definite activities, concrete cases of inspiring work.

And we shall always be prepared to discover that although ninety-nine people may like some specific bulletin, there will be at least one who won't.

Back of the World's Chaos

(Continued from page 9)

situation in a day of consolidated schools and farmers' co-operatives, to say nothing of reconciling and harmonizing other baffling divisions.

In the Interpreter's House

Dr. Walter H. Traub, pastor of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Nebr., put Bunyan's famous character, The Interpreter, into service when he presented his contribution to the program of this very sumptuous intellectual banquet.

Dr. Stamm's resume of this presentation reads:

"Dr. Traub began by recalling Bunyan's figure of 'The Interpreter,' with the best of books in his hand, his back to the world, his eyes turned towards heaven, pleading with men. The Interpreter knows that he cannot attack the City of Mansoul with trivialities. He does not waste his time swatting flies while lions are in the way. His example is the early church, which discarded arguments about meats offered unto idols and went straight to attack the real idolatry of the supremacy of the state as expressed in emperor worship. In this conflict, the weapons must be facts, for there is a finality about facts that cannot be gainsaid. But the facts are not easy, and the hardest fact of all is this: We are living in a world of soul-making, furnace-trial and death on the Cross. Consequently, in dealing with men's agonizing questions about the meaning of suffering, The Interpreter will not seek the easy way to win men, but will remind them that Jesus offers comfort only through courage.

"At the same time, however, The

Interpreter will be a man of compassion for men in their failures. He will have fought clear through his own doubts to the discovery that the danger lies not in thinking too deeply about the problems of religion, but in not thinking deeply enough. He will have become a nerve through which will run the else unfelt ills of all the world. While warning men to keep out of range of the big guns of the Ten Commandments, he will keep Compassion at the center of his message and will not permit the church to lay down its Cross and forget its Sacrament of Suffering. The Cross is the manifestation of the heart of God in time, and the heart of man will have to come to terms with it. The Word of the Cross was in God before Calvary, and He was 'appeased' before He gave us Christ. Thus, while Christianity reveals the sin, it also reveals the remedy. But those who would apply it must themselves endure the Cross, despising the shame. God gives us the Cross and the Cross gives us God. God sends His Son to work in a carpenter shop, but He Himself is with Him, and with all the sons of men in their daily labor. These are some of the fundamental truths which the world must feel at last. Here is one source of The Interpreter's courage."

Sons of Icelandic Pioneers

(Concluded from page 13)

changes was a return after ten years to oral nominations of main officers, and limiting the tenure of a president to five years in succession, while he is elected for one year at a time as before.

The Rev. H. Sigmar of Mountain, N. D., was elected president; the Rev. V. J. Eylands, vice-president. The secretary and treasurer were re-elected: the Rev. E. H. Fafnis of Glenboro, Manitoba, and Mr. S. O. Bjerring of Winnipeg.

The retiring president, the Rev. K. K. Olafson, is now doing confidential work for the U. S. Government in Chicago, as well as supplying pulpits in the Illinois Synod as occasion offers.

Synod went on record as favoring the proposed extension of the work of Lutheran World Action to include work among our soldiers stationed in Iceland.

Across the Desk



THE intellectual mountain top on which Dr. Einstein is reputed to dwell is so far up and away from us that we do not even attempt to learn the significance of words which are connected with his declarations concerning relativity. For us time is the succession of events expressed by the aid of the calendar of months and days. The date of this issue of THE LUTHERAN is August 4, 1943. The months of the year into which January 1 ushered us are passing swiftly. Already midyear has come and gone. September's resumption of parish activities is in the offing. In the thoughts of many clergymen plans are in process of formation. On or before Labor Day, September 6, announcements will be mailed; committees will be named, and a schedule of activities for auxiliaries and their officers will be in the hands of the congregation's church council and active leaders.

You recall that bit of rhyme that is quoted for the guidance of brides who are choosing their wedding apparel:

"Something old, something new;
Something borrowed, something
blue."

In themselves the words are mere doggerel. Hoyt does not list the lines in his *Cyclopedia of Practical Quotations*. What accounts directly for their transmission from one generation to the next is their appeal to a vague superstition that concerns good luck, but an implication in their meaning is the connection between old and new, past and present, independence and dependence, experience and inexperience. There is an approach to symbolism in the list of articles.

UNCERTAINTY'S "TIME LAG"

WE suggest that for "those who have work to do" time moves swiftly. Perhaps the reason for its pace is the division of duties, each

demanding a number of minutes or of hours or of days, and in the responses to such demands we have the sensation of haste, the vision of calls for more deeds, and the thrill of participation in the world's activities. Thereby we are assured of our own values.

It is uncertainty that slows the pace of time. One observes that the phrase, "the duration," involves waiting until plans are transmitted into performances. We are confident of the outcome of the great war in which our nation is engaged, but we do not know when exhaustion will deprive our opponents of power to continue their opposition. For our individual tasks there is the pressure toward haste, but relative to victory we require patience. And patience has an adagio tempo. Even the saints cry, "How long until the day of judgment?"

Perhaps it is politically wise to urge people to beware of overconfidence. We personally confess to some slight irritation when we are told of victories on the areas of conflict, of almost incredible production in factories and fields, and of huge sums of money yielded to the government by processes of war loans and taxation, and in almost the same breath told that we must not be overconfident. Is it true that the average person needs repeated warnings of threatening dangers, of undiscovered pitfalls, and of foes in ambush? We do not pretend to place our judgment in contradiction to these warnings, but we do have a place of favor for our optimism.

AN IDEA'S PROPULSION (OR PROPELLERS)

THE Muhlenberg Building in Philadelphia, on the sixth floor of which "Across the Desk" is usually written, is in hearing distance of many of the planes that travel to and from League Island Navy Yard. By ones, threes, and multiples of

three their roar sounds in the distance, approaches with growing volume, and then recedes into the distance. The temptation to gaze at them speeding across the sky continues able to interrupt one's work, despite familiarity with the sound.

Essential to the airplane's conquest of speed and distance are its propellers. The form of these is borrowed from ships, where they superseded the cumbersome paddle wheel once the mechanism by which steam power was converted into propulsion. And those paddle wheels, still seen on ferryboats and at the stern of ships, designed to serve in shallow waters, were a development from two sets of oars which a certain Pennsylvanian, John Fitch by name, installed in a craft on the Delaware River. This occurred in 1787, and the inventor persuaded most of the delegates attending the convention to draft a constitution for the United States to adjourn to see his demonstration of a mechanical device by which sails for moving ships would be superseded by steam. Robert Fulton's *Clermont*, whose trial trip was made in 1807 on the Hudson River, supplied convincing proof that dependence on winds could be abandoned and power-driven propellers substituted for sails and oars. Fitch achieved a speed of three miles per hour upstream. The *Clermont* astonished the people by moving from New York to Albany at the rate of seven miles per hour. Progress in a century and a half until a new mechanism using a new source of energy and substituting air for water as the medium of travel continues to astonish even the present generation.

But in fact the formula has not changed. Given an idea, that is, a desire, let men's creative ingenuity draw upon the earth's energy by properly devised mechanisms, and one has propulsion through the air that can keep pace with the sun.

Ideas of Government

But propulsion has far wider ranges of application than such as obtain in the realm of travel and transportation. A partial comparison is possible. Ideas of government reach the minds of thoughtful citizens. In the period from 1750 to 1776 a relationship between taxation and representation was de-

veloped to the stage of realism in the western hemisphere. Minds were the sources of energy, and the articulation of citizens into political organization is a resemblance to the fashioning of a ship or a plane. It can also be observed that the American form of democracy did not come into being in a single year, nor is it the product of a single mind. Indeed one can see both mechanical spread as the population and its institutions grew, and one can also observe constantly increasing stores of energy (motive power, so to speak) as suffrage was granted, free education was established, racial slavery was abolished, and "free enterprise" beckoned the people to use their resources for their personal and for the general benefit of the world. Really the ratio of multiplication of the opportunities for mental and spiritual extension is not unlike that between Fitch's three miles per hour and the plane's rate of three or four hundred miles per hour.

The beneficent changes to which reference has been made have been warmly sponsored by the American government. Doubtless our free institutions invite not only labor-saving, power-using inventions, but in the moral and spiritual realms the people have produced leaders not advocating either selfish profits or punitive forms of compensation. It is an observation not denied that the access of the people to Holy Scripture has injected altruism into our thinking.

The Factor of Religion

Certainly in recent decades and particularly since 1937 Christian citizens have sponsored ideals of social organization on which they believe the favor of God will rest. They have created a phrase which, they propose, shall gain the support of the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations. They are appealing to their fellow Christian citizens to create public sentiment for "a just and permanent peace." They are aware of the hope universal among the vast majority of the people of the whole earth—especially the common people—that some way will be found by which international relationships shall rest on conformity with principles of justice and the mutual consideration of hu-

man rights. They are convinced that such a peace, safeguarded by sufficient force to protect its terms from national and personal ambitions, will have permanence such as has been demonstrated on this western continent.

The appeal to the people for their thoughtful consideration of such a just and permanent peace is not new. Some of its implications were among America's proposals at Versailles in 1918. Its basic principles were widely circulated in 1937 and in 1938, when groups of Christians from the leading nations of the world solemnly organized themselves to work for it.

The idea was given the form of declarations in 1942 at what has come to be called the Delaware Conference. In that meeting trusted and scholarly members of our Lutheran Church were present and participated. At that gathering Dr. O. F. Nolde accepted a call to active service in which he has continued with a growing conviction of the propriety of using every possible means of directing public opinion toward an expression of its desire for an agreement among the nations now at war that will not contain handicaps to permanent peace.

Last month (July 8-11) an International Round Table of Christian Leaders engaged in conference at Princeton, N. J., and found themselves in general agreement on Five Principles Fundamental to World Order. Further discussion enabled those in attendance to sponsor "A Christian Message on World Order." THE LUTHERAN has received an advance copy of this document, which in the near future will be available in the form of a pamphlet. In addition to its Christian message (a) to the world and (b) to the church, there are "Suggested Applications to Russia, to Germany, to the Far East."

A Time for Thought

We personally believe that the people should give prompt, frank, and unprejudiced consideration to the proposals. The people who gathered last month at Princeton, N. J., for a round table conference are among the leading statesmen and churchmen of their country. They voice two great objectives, the abrogation of war and the sponsor-

ship of a just and equitable peace. The arrangement is one in which the entity of the civil power is recognized without entanglements with either ecclesiastical or civil dictatorships. In our opinion, it is the logical development of that form of government by which the United States has prospered and which can now be used by the God of nations to benefit the world.

HOLY COMMUNION

By MILDRED BENDER

COMMUNION! Again the blessed privilege of fellowship with Christ in the Lord's Supper.

His invitation comes to mind: "With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you." "With desire" they gathered for the feast. I, too, approach the house of God with yearning. Thou knowest, Lord, I long to dwell in closer companionship with Thee.

I pause before the Upper Room, then enter there with reverent feet—my Lord awaits.

The music rises to the high-arched roof and fills my soul. It strains to rise also, to break its mortal prison as it soars on rapture's wing.

The table's spread. Oh, Lord, I am not worthy. Like Peter long ago, I plead my unworthiness. But gently Thou didst wash his feet, and so in Thy compassion dost Thou forgive the sinner here, kneeling before Thee in deep contrition. "Be still and know that I am God."

I come unto Thy table, Lord; and as I eat and drink, Thy Holy Spirit enters in. He fills me with such inward power, such strength and peace! My spirit grows and comes just a little nearer to being what it was meant to be.

Exalted, I sit in the quiet pew; Thou art with me. Thou didst talk and pray with Thy disciples, too, within that Upper Room. Let me be still to hear Thy every word, even as those gathered at that Supper long ago.

At last I must depart. Thou hadst Gethsemane to face; the Twelve had hate and persecution.

Refreshed and strong in spirit, may I, too, venture forth to battle with the world—no longer weak or fearful. I have communed with Thee!

SUBSISTENCE PROVIDED

By Nathan R. Melhorn

Israel's Fears of Starvation Quieted by Divine Arrangements
Exodus 16, 17. The Sunday School Lesson for August 15

IN THE sixteenth and seventeenth chapters of the Book of Exodus one reads a description by Moses of a crisis. It arose a few weeks after the children of Israel had gained the escape from their enslavement in the land of the Egyptians. One might suppose that after the demonstrations of divine care for them, of which they had been the objects and to which they had been the witnesses, there would have been no wavering in their assurance of future safety and entire submission on their part of the leadership of Moses.

But human nature is human nature and the basic physical wants of mankind have a place that cannot be ignored. It thus occurred that six weeks after their escape from destruction by Pharaoh's army, by the miracle at the Red Sea, and despite the fact that they had joined in the song of triumph in which the sister of Moses had led them, they were badly scared by the prospects of starvation.

One is not too critical of their attitude toward their daily food and drink. After all there were 600,000 of them and we, who just now are watching the "all out" measures of our government to supply the needs of persons in the armed services; or to provide sustenance for the thousands and tens of thousands of stricken civilians in war-ridden lands; we can understand the feelings of the children of Israel as they faced a situation in which a desert crossing confronted them.

Another Miracle

As a matter of fact, had Jehovah not come to their rescue, they must either have turned back to Egypt; or turned north to the regions of Philistia; or, humanly speaking, suffered the disasters of a famine which would be enormously costly in casualties. Nor was their panic one merely of fear or of lack of confidence in God. The way in which sustenance was provided for them indicates that their Lord God Jehovah did not expect them "to live off the country" through which they were passing. Moses relates with considerable detail how provision was made for their hunger and thirst. The thirteenth verse of the sixteenth chapter of Exodus records, "And it came to pass at even, that the quails came up and covered the camp." It was from these that a meat ration was taken. Commentators report that these birds were so plentiful as to fly in great flocks and to settle upon the ground when they became fatigued so that they were easy victims of seizure.

But even more definitely of direct divine providence was the second ra-

tion that met their eyes each morning. Moses wrote, "And in the morning the dew lay round about the camp. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small round thing, small as the hoarfrost on the ground." It was an unknown form of relief and Moses was promptly questioned as to its nature. He said unto them, "It is the bread which Jehovah hath given you to eat." This is the marvelous manna, the amount of which, needed for their daily sustenance, came as regularly as the dew on six mornings of each week. On the seventh, that is on the Sabbath Day, none fell. A double portion was gathered on Friday so that food was provided for the Sabbath Day without the labor of gathering it.

A Mysterious Food

Considerable speculation can be found in books commenting on this portion of the Book of Exodus as to the nature of this manna. Some of the writers speak of it as some kind of sap which exuded from trees or from a shrub found in the Sinai peninsula. If the reader's curiosity should lead him to consult the Encyclopedia Britanica he would find under the word *manna* a rather extended description of a plant that can be found in Switzerland and in sections of Europe adjacent to that country. As a matter of fact, Sicily is mentioned as one of the places from which a quantity of a commodity called manna can be obtained. In the Bible

itself this food is described as, "A sweet, sticky, honey-like shrub." The thirty-first verse of the sixteenth chapter says, "It was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey."

The Jewish cyclopedia in its article concerning manna makes no effort to account for the occurrence of this strange foodstuff at the time when it was provided for these Israelites en route to the land promised them. It was a miracle, the article states. There are numerous rabbinical traditions which are coupled with this incident in the life of the chosen people and it will be remembered that our Lord spoke of the miraculous feeding of the Children of Israel and Paul identified Christ as the rock that followed there.

A description of provisions to quench their thirst is given in the following chapter. It is here that we have the account of Moses striking the rock in Horeb, "and there shall come water out of it that the people may drink."

Testimony to Israel

It is easy to draw lessons from the supply of food and drink which took place upon this epochal journey of a people from whom the Redeemer of mankind from sin was to come. One can declare as one derivative from the experience that trust in God is the sure foundation for such claims upon His bounty and His mercy as will result in His providing for the needs of every believer. But this particular experience which occurred in the desert between Egypt and the Promised Land has a distinctive place in the planning of man's redemption. It belongs to the acts of God which He performed for the making of a nation that should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. He literally kept these 600,000 people alive through one crisis after another because from them the Messiah would be born. Nothing less than that accounts for the daily provision of food and drink for them even in the midst of their murmurings. Such continuance in fidelity to the borders of the valley of the Jordan River and across the land where they thought the inhabitants were giants was not easily accomplished. Its doing required miracles.

We have, of course, the genuine principle of divine aid in every time of need and at this particular time the people in North America are responding generously to the cries for food and shelter that come to us from other countries.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 9-15

- M. God Feeds His People. Exodus 16: 11-18.
- T. God Provides Water. Exodus 17: 1-6.
- W. God's Wondrous Works. Psalm 78: 12-25.
- Th. Remember God's Bounty. Deuteronomy 8: 11-20.
- F. Security of the Righteous. Psalm 37: 16-25.
- Sat. Feeding the Multitude. Mark 6: 35-44.
- S. Jesus the Bread of Life. John 6: 32-40.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By Amos John Traver

How Pleasant Things Increase Spiritual Life

Psalm Sixteen is David's Recipe

THE Sixteenth Psalm is a joyous profession of faith. It is built upon the certainty that God is available to the believer and that there is the opportunity for a living fellowship with Him. Evidently it is written against the background of some great danger. But the psalmist's whole soul is possessed by the assurance that God is his highest good. This permits all the dangers and difficulties of life to fade away before it.

David is probably the writer of the Psalm. If so, it came out of some period of danger in his life. Some of the best commentators believe it may have come from the days when Saul, the king, was seeking to capture and destroy him. The reference in I Samuel 26: 19 is suggested. It would seem here that David was going to lose his inheritance and all his possessions because of the hatred of Saul. If so, he remembers that God Himself is his inheritance and he will remain true to Him.

For all of us there are times of such discouragement. It seems as though pleasant days are over for us if we remain true to our ideals. But David would remind us that the truly pleasant things are not tied to material goods. They are spiritual and have to do with our relation to God. If we are right with Him, the truest pleasures of life will grow.

What We Are!

Pleasures that last are due to what we are, not to what we have. David learned this. No doubt his happiest days were when he was fighting for a kingdom. After he had secured it, his troubles really began. Every generation when it is young is warned by its elders against depending on material things for permanent happiness. Yet each generation seems to have to learn for itself, the hard way. It is usually after the heat and passions of youth are past that men can say with David, "Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup" (Psalm 16: 5). Or as Moffatt translates it, "Thou art what I get from life, O Thou eternal." God mastering my life from within my heart becomes

the one priceless possession. Paul put it this way, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." A man can lose every material possession, but the possession of Christ within will make him rich.

Choosing God

How are we to possess God? "Remember that a blind man may possess a picture. But as he has no eyes to feast upon it, it has little value for him. A lunatic may possess a library, but it can do him no good." So our possession of God depends on our response to His presence. We choose Him not so much by a deliberate action of our will as by the way in which we respond to His grace. He really chooses us and we react according to what we are.

Certainly it is necessary to think about God, to meditate. "The Sacred Art of Meditation" is pretty much a lost art for most people. The guide for our meditation is the Book in which God reveals Himself to us. The medium of meditation is prayer, worship, praise—all the means of communication with God.

Even death cannot take away from us this joyous possession. Job could say, "Though He slay me, yet will I love Him." David could believe that even though caught by Sheol, or death, he could not be held. God would rescue him. It is this faith that brings permanent pleasure. It is not dependent on possessions that come and go, increase and decrease. It is constant, sure.

Analyzing the Psalm

It will help to follow David's thought if we study this psalm more carefully. There are three divisions.

1. *His certainty of God's protection is based on his relation to Him. Because of this he finds his delight in the society of God's people, not of apostates.* (Read verses 1-4.)

"I have no good beyond Thee" (American Revision) is a great affirmation. The goal of philosophy has been to find the highest good. The Latin words *summum bonum* are used by the philosophers, meaning, "highest good." For David, God is that "highest good." Everything else in his life gains its importance by its relation to Him. All gain is loss unless it is gain to God

and His cause. Naturally those who have this life goal will find delight in association with each other. When anyone avoids the fellowship of Christian people, you may be sure that he does not share their life goals. If we are going to find goods in life that constantly increase in value and in satisfaction to us, we must begin where David began and make God our highest good.

2. *The thought expressed in the first four verses is emphasized more fully.* (Read verses 5-8.)

If David was thinking of his lost inheritance, his material possessions, he found comfort in the fact that God is his real inheritance. Perhaps he also referred to the fact that the Levites who cared for the tabernacle had no inheritance like the other tribes. But God was their inheritance. Well, in spite of all the dangers David was facing, he found satisfaction in the divine presence. He could even sing, "My lines have fallen in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." We have heard such songs from the lips of many saints who have little by the standards of this world. But they have God.

3. *By this faith David can look forward to a life of unbroken fellowship with his God.* (Read verses 9-11.)

Joy, confidence, growth are all the result of David's faith. His flesh rests in hope. That is a great expression. When the flesh is weary, we are tempted to lose hope. David was hunted like a wild beast by the king he had served so loyally. But his faith could help him to the quiet rest of a child. Hope never faded.

These verses were quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 25-28) and by Paul at Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13: 35) as prophecy of Christ's resurrection. Peter shows that David's faith was not fully realized in himself, for he did meet death. But they were fully realized in Christ, Who conquered even death. After all, our prospect of any lasting pleasure in life must not be clouded by the fear of death. If God is our inheritance, we may be sure that the power of Christ's resurrection will rescue us from the grave.

The hope of heaven is here, yet there is also another emphasis that can be made. There is the contrast between life here and life beyond the grave and the certainty of happiness all the way through these two phases of life. There is also the contrast between life *with* or *without* God. And again the meaning is clear. *With God* is the only hope of constantly growing pleasure, happiness that goes even beyond the grave.

* * * *

To LEADERS: Topic date, August 15. Next topic, "Good Manners."

The Hope of Mankind Lies in the Gospel

Christianity and Civilization. By H. G. Wood. Macmillan. 128 pages. \$1.25.

THIS is the sixteenth and last of a series of books recently published for general reading on pressing current political, social, and international problems. It consists of six challenging chapters: "Christianity and Civilization," "Christianity and Scientific Humanism," "Christianity and Marxist Philosophy," "The Christian Co-operative Commonwealth," "The Christian Commonwealth in the International Order," "Good Friday, 1942."

The author engages in a brilliant treatment of the age-old fundamental conceptions of freedom, justice, mercy, and truth, derived from Greece and Palestine; showing how great nations have thrown them to the rubbish, and in their stead have introduced a modern brand of paganism more blighting than any that has gone before.

There follows an appreciative analysis of the place of science and Marxism in our society. The totalitarian claim of each that it holds the key to the salvation of society is rejected, at the same time that the contribution which both have made is recognized. It is Christianity, truly understood in Christ and realistically applied, both nationally and internationally, toward the ideal of a co-operative commonwealth, which alone can guarantee those fundamental principles of a new order of society, namely, justice, liberty, mercy, and truth. The hope of mankind lies in the Gospel and its effect upon our individual lives whereby "we can honestly say, 'We believe in the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting,' remembering that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and was raised again for our redemption."

The reviewer first became acquainted with the thinking of H. G. Wood, now professor of theology in the University of Birmingham, through his excellent book, *Christianity and Communism*, written some years ago. Professor Wood knows his Christianity, as well as his civilization and his communism. At the same time his writings are bristling with sharp expressions that jag into one like fierce little barbs and stay fixed. Here are a few samples of what the reader will find in *Christianity and Civilization*: "A Christian may indeed admire patriotism and be patriotic, but he cannot make terms with introverted national egotism"; "The utmost that victory can give us is another chance"; "We can only secure the social benefits of Christianity if we are convinced of its truth"; "He (Jesus) did not come to save civilization: he came to save men and women"; "Scratch a planner and you find a dictator. Personally, I would trust no one with the task of planning, unless he had that kind of humility which is associated with reverence for God and humanity."

DWIGHT F. PUTMAN.

Source Book for Sermons

Preaching the Word of God. By Morgan Phelps Noyes. Scribner. 219 pages. \$2.00.

If a pastor is looking for a book on homiletics he would do well to avoid this volume. Although its contents are the 1942 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale University, it is definitely not a work on the construction and preaching of sermons. In his foreword, Dr. Noyes calls his lectures "a series of studies in the spirit of the Christian ministry," not presuming "to give technical advice on the making of sermons or on the conduct of a parish."

But if a minister—or a layman—is looking for a source of mental stimulation, he need seek no further. The theme is rather "The Word" than preaching, and the author treats of it in connection with *The Preacher, The*

Church, The World, Every Man, The Pastor, and Worship. The layman will find the chapters on *The Church* and *The World* of particular interest, while the pastor will add to those the ones on *The Preacher and Every Man*.

There will be nothing new for Lutheran ministers in the chapter of *The Pastor*, and most of them will be far ahead of the author in that on *Worship*.

The preacher will also find this book an excellent source for sermonic illustrations and quotations. Indeed its major fault is that the author quotes too much. This reviewer prefers those who present their own thoughts rather than a commentary upon the thoughts of others.

There are, of course, places where Lutherans will disagree with the author, as for example in his tendency toward the Social Gospel. And we shall at least question such statements as,

"We can be thankful that Anglicans and Presbyterians, and all other families of Christians, can worship together . . . in our time," and "The preacher can afford to leave to the scholars the endless debates as to what Jesus meant by the kingdom of God."

But in general we shall find ourselves in agreement with what he says, even though he does not say it in the terms to which we are accustomed. For instance, in his insistence upon the necessity for preaching the Law and the Gospel, though he does not mention the terms. All such matters must be left to the discriminating judgment of the reader, and with that in mind, we recommend this volume without hesitation.

WM. S. AVERY.

The Preacher's Heart

The Art of Preaching. By Allen Arthur. Philosophical Library. 1943. 93 pages. \$1.75.

AN exponent of a sound evangelical preaching, Mr. Allen here presents a brief discussion of the nature and technique of preaching. While cognizant of the intensely personal quality of preaching and aware that no formula can be prescribed to insure universal perfection in the art, the author asserts that there are certain basic aspects of the technique and mechanics of good preaching to which the student or pastor, anxious for pulpit power, must intently and devotedly give serious attention.

The value of good health; the importance of voice culture, especially the laying aside of the "sanctimonious affectation" of the pulpit voice; serious attention to the development of an effective delivery—these are stressed on the purely physical level.

As to content, the entire range of God's revealed plans and purposes include potential items for sermonic presentation, with the caution that "the salvation of men through Christ and Him crucified must be the supreme subject of all preaching." There is point also to the suggestion that the chosen text serve as the foundation to, and the conclusion reached in, the sermon, and not as pretext to personal whimsies.

To the intangibles, those things in preaching which give it moral persuasiveness and spiritual dynamic, the author stands in ample testimony. As C. S. MacFarland suggests in the Foreword, the author has discovered that "the heart of preaching . . . is the heart of the preacher himself." Except the preacher's heart hold positive Christian convictions and a warm zeal arising therefrom, he cannot reflect it into the hearts of his people—that which is not in the bud will not appear in the fruit.

ARTHUR H. STONE.

A Sermon Brings Results

Lutheran Recreation Park Opened to Youth in Burlington, North Carolina



The Recreation Committee of the Park Established by Macedonia Lutheran Church, Burlington, North Carolina

(Standing) D. S. Doster. (Seated, l. to r.) The Rev. L. David Miller, Jr., Mrs. B. V. May, Pastor L. Boyd Hamm, Mrs. John W. Nestlie, Mr. H. Frank Mitchell, Sr., chairman. (Not in picture, F. W. Ragsdale.)

"THE Lutheran Recreation Park," announced the Rev. L. Boyd Hamm, pastor of Macedonia Church, Burlington, N. C., "is the name of the new playground," opened June 15 to young people of all denominations in the acres that lie behind the Lutheran Church. Its bowling alleys, tennis courts, softball diamond, horseshoe pitch, badminton courts, table tennis, croquet, sand-piles, swings and volley ball, are being enjoyed by children and youth ranging in age from four to sixteen years. The park is open from 9.30 A. M. until noon to children from four to twelve years, and from 2.30 until 5.30 P. M. to those from four to sixteen years of age. No definite night programs have yet been arranged, according to the Recreation Committee. Mr. J. A. Gerow is director of recreation.

Long aware of the need in this community for more recreational facilities, the Rev. L. Boyd Hamm told his congregation on a Sunday in mid-April—and particularly the thirty-five members of the High-Y Club—of the benefits the community might derive from a church-sponsored park. They listened attentively, but at the conclusion of the service the pastor was not certain just how his sermon had been received, until a man approached him with the information that he was ready to make a donation to be placed in the operating budget of the park. Soon another generous contribution followed, and to date \$2,500 has been received for equipment and getting the playground ready for use. As the project gained favor in the community four additional acres of land adjoining the two acres owned by the church were presented to the park, bowling alleys were made and given, and the congregation voted to provide an annual operating budget for this purpose separate from church funds.

Active in Church Work

At the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod, Dr. Roy H. Johnson, head of the Department of History and Political Science, Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., was re-elected to membership on the Board of the Philadelphia Seminary. Earlier in May he was elected to membership on the executive committee of the Pittsburgh Synod. For several years he has served on the



Prof. Roy H. Johnson

Pittsburgh Synod's Publication Committee and was chairman during the past year.

The United Lutheran Church at its biennial convention held in Louisville last October, made Dr. Johnson a member of the Board of Publication.

Dr. Johnson is a layman who has made steady spiritual growth while at the same time advancing in his professional fields of history and political science. His Christian influence is felt on the Thiel Campus and he gives invaluable service as chairman of the Religious Life Committee.

Most Satisfactory Means of Church Finance

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE ENVELOPES

An excellent means of keeping the church treasury full by assuring regular contributions. Attractive, churchly and dignified, they encourage the practice of stewardship giving—of sharing with their church.

Educational messages telling of some phase of the church's work add to the effectiveness of these envelopes. Handy quick-flip tab for opening saves time for the finance committee (supplied if requested). In two colors, white or manila, and two sizes.

First Come—First Served

More than ever must this be the rule regarding United Lutheran Stewardship Message Envelopes for 1944. Loss of skilled workers to the military services and war industry has curtailed the production of Church Offering Envelopes. New employees who have replaced skilled workers just can't turn out as many envelopes in the same time as the old force.

Realizing these conditions, many of our regular customers are placing their orders for 1944 Church and Sunday School Offering Envelopes most promptly.

Prices will be the same for the time being as last year. If you want to be sure of getting your envelopes for 1944 ON TIME, write or wire us today, asking us to duplicate your last order. Churches or Sunday schools not ordering previously from us will be supplied with descriptive material on request.

Prices and Detailed Information on Application

THE UNITED LUTHERAN PUBLICATION HOUSE

1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.
Chicago 11 Pittsburgh 22 Columbia 3

TIVOLI CONGREGATION REBUILDS AFTER HURRICANE

By JAMES F. VORKOPER

LAST August a tropical hurricane swept the coast of Texas and far inland, spreading desolation and destruction. Among the many buildings that felt its wrath was the *First Lutheran Church, Tivoli, Texas*. A tumbled heap of debris was all that met the eyes of the villagers Sunday morning, August 30, 1942. All that seemed intact was part of the tower, which perched on the ruins. The ruins were piled some twenty feet from the foundations. Not only was the church damaged but the parsonage had been lifted off the blocks and almost every member was counting his losses. A period of shock and discouragement followed. Some said, "The Tivoli Lutheran Church is done for; it will never be rebuilt."

But such was not the case. With the same determination that the damage was repaired on their homes, they set about to plan for their church. Insurance provided a start for a new building. Financial aid came from various quarters. Plans were started. The new church was to be like the old one, with improvements. When the congregation started to build the pulpit was vacant; they went forward without a pastor and today they rejoice in the house of worship made with their own hands. At first glance one thinks that he is looking at the old church.

Trinity Sunday, June 20, the happy congregation and friends gathered before the church doors and joined in the Service of Dedication. The Rev. Walter Lentz, student pastor; the Rev. E. J. Hirsch of Goliad, a former pastor; and the writer, also a former pastor, conducted the joyful service. Pastors Lentz and Hirsch opened the doors as Pastor Vorkoper read the opening service. Then the congregation proceeded into the building. Pastor Hirsch, representing the Texas Synod, pronounced the words of dedication, after the Communion vessels and the Bible were placed. Mr. Lentz conducted the service and Pastor Hirsch preached the sermon.

Greetings were given by the Rev. Rudolph Lentz, retired, Fredericksburg, Texas, father of the pastor. The Rev. J. M. Schedler, who also brought greetings from the president of synod, the Rev. Paul Bechter; and the Rev. Carl J. Deithloff of San Antonio, also a former pastor.

First Church, Tivoli, is now connected with Salem Church, Port Lavaca, some twenty miles distant. Many of the members of Salem at-

tended, while their church council walked in the dedicatory procession with the church council of First Church.

Following the service a luncheon was served by the ladies of the congregation.

War-time Cancellations

The scheduled *Church Work Conference* could not be held this summer because of the difficulty that certain congregations found in obtaining foods. With it was also cancelled the itinerary of Mrs. Mabel B. Fenner, who was to teach at the conference.

Oscar B. Carlson, D.D., Director of Evangelism, spoke at the meeting of the Texas Synod and also visited a number of its congregations. In several congregations his work was most successful as preparations had been made for his coming. Grace Church, Houston, received over thirty new members as a result of the visitation program. Grace Church, Harlingen, also benefited by his message and instruction. He spent several days in Corpus Christi aiding in the development of the new mission of the U. L. C. A. in that growing city. Austin and San Antonio also enjoyed his messages as well as Goliad and Victoria. We hope that he may come again!

Extensive Renovations

Grace Church, Harlingen, the Rev. J. A. Sanders pastor, has made extensive renovations. The inside was remodeled, and a new cross was placed on the outside of the church. A soldier who is a regular attendant gave the cross and a guest register book. Another friend gave a stand for the register. A new choir was organized. Lutheran World Action gifts were over five times the amount of last year. A new type of membership for service families has been inaugurated. This associate membership gives all the privileges of the church as long as they are stationed in the Harlingen area.

Pastor and Mrs. Schuetze of Shiner, Texas, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently by a special service. The Rev. Paul Bechter of Yoakum, president of the synod, and Pastor W. C. Wolfsdorff, retired, of Shiner, were the guest speakers. The envelope system is being introduced in the congregation and is meeting with great success. Lutheran World Action went "over the top."

The Rev. L. H. de Freese, pastor of Redeemer Church, Houston, spoke at

the baccalaureate service of Western Theological Seminary. When he and his family returned from their trip his congregation greeted him with a social surprise program and many gifts. Attendance at services has been steadily increasing. The first Sunday of each month is "Bond" Sunday, at which time bonds that have been given for the new church building are dedicated to Christ's work.

The Children of the Church of *Peace Church, Vernon*, the Rev. J. W. Kern pastor, recently visited a member 81 years old and sang for him. The women of the church are doing war work in preparing surgical dressings.

A class of eleven young people was confirmed in *Philadelphia Lutheran Church, Swiss Alps*, the Rev. F. E. Eilers pastor, on Whitsunday. The pastor is keeping up with the men in service as well as the Luther League. Lutheran World Action went "over the top" in both Philadelphia Church and in Trinity, Black Jack, as sister congregation in the parish.

Improvements were made in the paraments and in altar furniture in *Martin Luther Church, Colettoville*, the Rev. E. J. Hirsch pastor. Memorial Day services were held with the Rev. George Perry of Weesatche preaching the sermon. Dr. O. W. Carlson preached to the congregation during his Texas itinerary.

From Ohio to Texas

St. John's, Goliad, sister congregation with Colettoville enjoyed the message and visit with Dr. Carlson and the renewing of many friendships. During his seminary days the Director of Evangelism supplied in Texas in the Inez-Goliad-Tivoli Parish.

The Brotherhood of *First United Lutheran Church, Dallas*, the Rev. William J. Hoebel pastor, is sponsoring a Boy Scout troop successfully.

We rejoice with First English Lutheran Church in that they will soon have a pastor to take full charge of the work in the person of Dr. Lewis P. Speaker of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. John Bennetch, professor of Greek Exegesis in the Dallas Theological Seminary, is supplying the congregation until Dr. Speaker's arrival. The congregation, which is seven years old, is self-supporting, rapidly reducing the debt on a church building and property valued at nearly \$50,000, and has 415 confirmed members. Chaplain Fred W. Kern was a former pastor. He began the work and built a splendid organization. His wife still resides in Austin, until the chaplain secures a more permanent station.

The Rev. J. M. Schedler of Victoria, has been holding services on occasional

Sunday afternoons in the village of Placedo, fourteen miles east of Victoria. The attendances have been very good. Trinity Church is employing a parish secretary in the church office. Extensive repairs are contemplated on the roof and tall steeple of Old Trinity, a landmark in Victoria and the surrounding area. Trinity raised a special mission offering of over \$200 for Texas home mission work.

St. Mark's Church, Cuero, is doing a splendid work among the service men in the community and also in keeping close contact with their own men far away. Pastor A. A. Hahn keeps the friendly chain linking the home church with the boys from home through his

weekly *Messenger* with its exchange of comment from letters from every part of the globe. Pastor Hahn recently attended the School of Missions held in Gettysburg, Pa.

Faith Church, San Antonio, the Rev. Carl J. Deithloff pastor, is steadily growing. Pastor Deithloff will soon move to the new parsonage. A building fund campaign is under way to pay off the debt. St. Luke's, vacant, has been supplied by Pastor Deithloff, but since June Mr. Forker has been supplying the pulpit.

There are evidences that the Texas Synod will reach its quota in Lutheran World Action. Several congregations have doubled their quotas.

for the sum of \$8,000. During the depression years little could be paid on this debt. But June 6, 1943, the congregation freed itself of all debt. January 1, 1942, the congregation became self-supporting; and today, in spite of the transiency of the population in the community, the congregation has a confirmed membership of 235, which, again in spite of the fact that they are far removed from other Lutheran fellowship, are happy and strong in their loyalty to the world-wide work of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Pastoral Changes

The Rev. John W. Cobb of Rocky Mount, N. C., accepted a call to Blacksburg, Va.; the Rev. Frank K. Efrid of Monroe, N. C., to Wytheville, Va.; Dr. Walter C. Davis of Charleston, S. C., to Cocke County Parish, Newport, Tenn.; the Rev. Auburn Bowers, graduate of Southern Seminary in 1943, to the Giles Parish, Newport, Va.; the Rev. Bruce Weaver, graduate of Gettysburg Seminary in 1943, to Melton in the Mountain Mission, Konnarock, Va.; the Rev. J. C. Derrick of the South Carolina Synod, to Burkes Garden, Va.

The Rev. A. M. Huffman, Knoxville, Tenn., goes to First Church, Louisville, Ky.; the Rev. J. A. Keisler, Radford, Va., goes to Columbia, S. C.; and the Rev. J. Luther Ballentine of the Kimberlin Parish, Rural Retreat, Va., goes to Blythewood, S. C.

Lutheran World Action

The report of the Staunton Conference of the Synod of Virginia is complete, with the twenty-one congregations reporting promptly, and all but two congregations either raised or exceeded their quotas. The conference as a whole exceeded its quota of \$3,394 by \$854.35. There are six conferences in the Virginia Synod; this one raised more than one-third of the synod's quota of \$12,300.

The Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr., pastor of the Church of the Ascension, Chattanooga, Tenn., has resigned to take effect August 1, in order that he may accept a call to the Church of the Ascension, Columbia, S. C.

Pastor McCullough has served the Chattanooga congregation for eleven years; and those have been years of growth in membership, development in church property, and unusual growth in stewardship. During this time a church has been bought and paid for, and the congregation has progressed from a mission to self-support. The congregation to which Pastor McCullough is going is located near the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S. C. The Synod of Virginia sends to the Synod of South Carolina a valuable pastor.

Virginia Synod News

ORPHAN HOME BOARD AT SALEM HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

By P. J. BAME



The Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home at Salem, Virginia

THE Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., met June 10. Judge J. L. Almond of Roanoke was re-elected chairman of the board; T. Paul Rhyne of Greensboro, N. C., vice-chairman; the Rev. Paul L. Royer of Bluefield, W. Va., secretary; and C. M. Spees of Roanoke, Va., treasurer. The Executive Board is composed of the officers and the following: S. C. Markley, Roanoke, Va.; J. F. Morton, Salem, Va.; H. C. Schatz, Parr, S. C.; the Rev. M. L. Minnick, Lynchburg, Va.; the Rev. G. W. McClanahan, Bessemer City, N. C.; and the Rev. B. J. Westinger, Spencer, N. C.

Reports submitted by Judge Almond and Superintendent T. C. Rohrbaugh showed that contributions had gained approximately 44 per cent over a four-year period, from approximately \$18,000 to \$26,000; that a recreation building fund had been started by a gift of \$500 by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Black of Alabama, N. C.; and that there are now 100 boys and girls in the Home. The trustees made an inspection tour of the

buildings to determine their condition. The board also adopted for the fiscal year 1943-1944 a budget of \$27,231.

Mortgage Burning

June 6, 1943, the Church of the Ascension, Chattanooga, Tenn., the Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr., pastor, held a service to celebrate the cancellation of all indebtedness, and hence the burning of the mortgage. It was a day of rejoicing after a long and difficult period in the history of that congregation, which was organized on October 12, 1913, with thirty-nine charter members.

This congregation worshiped in eight different places in ten years. In September 1922 the present church property was bought, and in March 1923 it was formally opened for worship. A mortgage of \$22,000 was made with the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church. In 1927 this mortgage was paid, but to make full payment and thus receive the 25 per cent grant, another mortgage was made

Cornhusker News

NEBRASKA CONGREGATIONS REPORT VARIED ACTIVITIES

By ALFRED O. FRANK

NEBRASKA is in the midst of another harvest season. This year not only farmers are in the harvest fields, but also city men and women, soldiers from camps, and Indians from the reservations. All have united to help the nation's food supply. If the rains continue, there is every indication of another great corn crop this fall—corn for pork, beef, and corn products of all kinds. The favorable farm conditions are conducive to better church activity, for the two seem to go hand in hand.

Summer Assembly-Missionary Convention

For twenty-one years the Synod of Nebraska has sponsored a summer assembly and training school for church workers at Fremont, using the college buildings. Most of this time the synodical Missionary Society has held its sessions in conjunction with the assembly, delegates to the convention making up a large portion of the assembly. This year, August 1-6, should be another week of inspiration and instruction with the following faculty: the Rev. E. S. Rudisill, Ph.D., of the Parish and Church School Board; H. Grady Davis, D.D., professor in Maywood Seminary; the Rev. George H. Wahlin of Park Avenue Lutheran Church, Chicago; Miss Christie Zimmerman, missionary on furlough; O. W. Ebright, D.D., superintendent of Tabitha Home; F. C. Wiegman, D.D., president of Midland College; the Rev. John B. Rupley, Sr., of Grand Island; and Miss Amanda Jorn of Verdon. A. O. Frank, D.D., Fremont, will again serve as dean.

Luther League Camp

With the Rev. W. S. Livers as director of the camp and the Rev. G. Gieschen dean, the State Luther League Camp will be held at Sheldon, Columbus, Nebr., August 8-13. Miss Jane Sievers, state president, calls upon Leaguers to make this war period camp a "home front" rally. One feature certain to have an effect on the camp is that all campers will bring their good points to camp (red and blue).

Congregational News

Broadwater. Student Raymond Bartels will supply this parish during July and August vacation at the seminary.

Beatrice. Supply Pastor John Shirey reminds the con-

gregation at each service of the men in service by an electric "V" placed by the American flag. White lights for the living men in service, gold lights for the honored dead.

Columbus. Supply Pastor William Hover reports activity in beautifying the church with new altar and pulpit paraments.

Davenport. The Rev. Henry Dumler pastor, has redecorated the church auditorium and Sunday school rooms, sent \$55 worth of beef to Tabitha Home, and observed a special "Life Service" program in the League. Each of the twenty-one men in service has been given the Army-Navy Service Book.

Emerson. The Rev. R. R. Pfeiffer pastor, closed the Lenten special services with a Youth Service, conducted by the young people; had a fine response to Lutheran World Action; dedicated a new set of flags, Christian and American, and gave special consideration to Rural Life Sunday.

Fremont. A. O. Frank pastor, rejoices in the splendid loyalty of the college youth at the worship services; led the synod at the time of this report in offering for Lutheran World Action; carried on a vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 116, and recently dedicated new altar and pulpit paraments.

Gurley-Dalton. The Rev. John S. Rhine pastor, has more than 10 per cent of the membership in the armed forces, had an accession of twenty-one new members at Easter time, and the congregation is active in missionary offerings.

Dakota City. The Rev. Herman Joens pastor, entertained the district conference of the Missionary Society, dedicated a set of new flags, and carried through a well-attended vacation Bible school.

Hildreth. The Rev. E. W. Switzer was graduated from the seminary this spring to become pastor of this congregation after supplying the church for a year. In this time he traveled 12,000 miles to and from school serving the congregation. A service flag was dedicated on Mother's Day. A vacation Bible school was held.

Homer-Hubbard is being supplied by Student Franklin Shirk, who will return to the seminary in the fall.

Hooper. The Rev. Paul de Freese, ordained at the synod meeting, was installed as pastor June 20. The congregation presented the pastor with a new robe as an ordination gift. Hymnals have been rebound, a splendid daily vacation Bible school with an enrollment of sixty-four and picnic was held in June. The Leaguers have made a large world map locating the men of the congregation who are in service.

Hampton-Benedict. The Rev. K. Giggstadt pastor. Translucent glass has been installed in the Hampton church, a vacation Bible school was conducted, and the Lutheran bulletin service is used. The Benedict congregation also redecorated the building, and made other improvements, and is using the bulletin service.

Leigh. Harry Mumm, supply pastor. The church recently purchased forty new hymnals, new altar paraments, and made improvements in the basement. Thirty-seven men are in the "God's Acre" plan this year. A new service flag will be dedicated soon.

North Platte. G. K. Rubrecht, D.D., pastor, is enjoying the inspiration of the after-glow of entertaining synod. A three-week Bible school was conducted with more than 100 enrolled, the church debt reduced, new plants added to the memorial gardens, new robes for the councilmen assisting in the communion have been purchased. One hundred souls were added during the Easter season.

Omaha

Luther Memorial. The Rev. W. F. Most was installed as pastor May 27. A daily vacation Bible school received enthusiastic support and a Luther League has been organized. The Lutheran World Action offering amounted to \$100.

Our Redeemer. The Rev. G. Gieschen pastor, received fifty members at Easter, conducted a three weeks' vacation Bible school and participated in the Lutheran World Action offering led by the Brotherhood.

A View of THE LUTHERAN

By H. Fiedler

FIFTY-TWO numbers of brief, wholesome light, Found in THE LUTHERAN on living life right. A year of weeks with an intimate friend, Who will crown one's soul and wise counsel lend; Two thousand pages of whole Gospel truth, Ably presented for age and for youth. I'm getting a bargain in righteous good cheer, Here's my subscription—a treat for a year.

St. Mark's, the Rev. W. W. Alexander pastor, is making extensive repairs to the church, conducted a fine parish education meeting (the pastor is chairman of the synodical Parish Education Committee), and held a Mother-Daughter banquet.

St. Luke's, the Rev. A. H. Pinkall pastor, is continuing its splendid evangelistic work, through the Brotherhood and Missionary Societies. Indebtedness has been reduced \$8,000 the past year, and response to Lutheran World Action is good.

Paxton-Sutherland, the Rev. Ernest Mortensen pastor, purchased new hymnals, beautified the church grounds by planting trees, dedicated a beautiful new service flag, and participated wholeheartedly in the Lutheran World Action appeal.

Scribner-Snyder, the Rev. R. V. Davis pastor, enjoyed a splendid accession to membership at Easter, and recently purchased a lot upon which the congregation hopes to build a new

church after the war. New choir robes and a daily vacation Bible school are recent activities.

Takamah-Vacoma, the Rev. Paul Wiegman pastor, makes an innovation for council meetings which no doubt assures regular attendance. Councilmen and their families have dinner together the first Sunday of the month, following which the business meeting is held. Lutheran World Action received a hearty response.

Wayne, the Rev. H. Henriksen pastor, has observed every month with a special activity in which the Lutheran students at the normal school were included. A Brotherhood has been organized, a Missionary Society is active, and Lutheran World Action was well received.

As one thus reads of the various activities one gains the assurance that the work in the congregations is after all the work of the Church, and offers much of continuing encouragement to pastors and synod.

antique cathedral glass windows have recently been installed which indicate by symbolism "The Church of the Word and Sacraments."

"The Lion of St. Mark's," "The Chalice and Host" and "The Open Bible" are the central figures in the medallions on the west nave windows. On the east side, the medallions are "The Lamb of God on the Book with Seven Seals," "The Hand of God," and "The Dove." The windows were designed, executed and installed by Mr. John Light of Philadelphia.

A Saturday afternoon and evening session with a box lunch between marked the annual convention of the *Luther League of the New Jersey Conference* held recently in Our Saviour Church, Haddonfield, the Rev. Donald F. Irvin pastor. The Rev. Earl S. Erb and the Rev. William J. Ducker were the speakers. The officers elected were George Schettler of Haddonfield, president; Margaret Haines of Maple Shade, secretary; Betty Miller of Haddon Heights, treasurer.

A Good Response

In its *Lutheran World Action* campaign conducted by the Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer, Holy Trinity Church, Manasquan, the New Jersey Conference has surpassed its quota of \$3,920 with a total of \$4,034 as of June 22. Of the seventeen congregations contributing more than 100 per cent of their goals, some notable records are St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Atlantic City, the Rev. Richard F. Garnet pastor, with a goal of \$199, has contributed \$300; Grace Church, Phillipsburg, the Rev. W. K. Reinert pastor, with a goal of \$366, has given \$467; the Saviour Church, Trenton, the Rev. G. L. Weibel pastor, with a goal of \$209, has given \$358; Holy Trinity Church, Wildwood, the Rev. P. J. Neff pastor, with a goal of \$115, has given \$181; and Ascension Church, Haddon Heights, the Rev. F. A. Paules pastor, with a goal of \$97.50, has given \$175.

In order to furnish the altar of the chapel in the battleship, "The New Jersey," and to provide vestments for the senior chaplain, the Rev. Paul W. Dickman, a member of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran churches located in southern New Jersey are uniting in a campaign to contribute the funds needed.

The Rev. Stewart H. Rudisill, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Collingswood, is the chairman and treasurer of the fund for the Central Pennsylvania Synod churches, and the Rev. Floyd P. Millerman, pastor of Zion Church, Riverside, is the treasurer of the fund for the churches of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

South Jersey News

GOOD RESPONSE TO GROUP ACTIVITIES

By H. PAUL GERHARD

"Holy unto the Lord" even though not "overlaid" with pure "gold" as was the Altar of Incense in the Tabernacle, yet the altars of *Holy Trinity Church, Magnolia, N. J.*, the Rev. H. Paul Gerhard pastor, reflect the careful planning needed to make church appointments worthy of our Lord. In preparation for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the church in August, the women have this year made and given to the church a dossal hanging and a complete set of paraments. The paraments include a superfrontal, and lectern and pulpit falls in the liturgical colors—white, red, green, and violet. The large dossal hanging of rich red design, adds height to the formerly broad appearance of the church.

"The Altar of the Good Shepherd" was dedicated on Good Shepherd Sunday, in the primary department of the Sunday school. This white altar with its rich gold dossal hanging, green superfrontal, and new fair linen, is the



The Altar in the Primary Department, Holy Trinity Church, Magnolia, N. J.

center of worship for the church school and week-day religious schools.

Other gifts as memorials received and blessed during the Easter season were a credence shelf, alms bason, candle lighter, missal and missal stand.

The twelfth year of activity in the *Women's Missionary Society of the New Jersey Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania* was brought to a close May 18, in Epiphany Church, Camden, the Rev. Paul C. Weber pastor. Mrs. Harold Muffley of Gloucester was elected president of the society for the new year. Other officers elected

were Mrs. Christian Madsen of Hightstown and Mrs. John Mattiesen of Trenton, vice-presidents; Mrs. C. Donald Heft of Oaklyn, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Proudfoot of Haddonfield, statistical secretary; and Mrs. William T. Voll of Camden, treasurer.

At *St. Mark's Church, Oaklyn, N. J.*, the Rev. C. Donald Heft pastor, six

Rochester—the Flower City

By HOWARD A. KUHNLE

Arthur William Herganhan, first member of Concordia to enter the ministry in its sixty-six-year history, was ordained June 23 at the convention of the United Synod of New York in St. Peter's, New York City. A graduate of Wagner College in 1940, and the Philadelphia Seminary this year, he will serve under the Board of American Missions, which has already employed him for two summers in work in the south. Music was his special interest while in school. While in Philadelphia, Mr. Herganhan was assistant to Dr. Claude O. Dierolf at Bethlehem and Dr. William H. C. Lauer at St. Simeon's.

The Rev. Everett F. Wright was installed on his birthday, June 6, as pastor of Zion Church, Cohocton, which will be seventy-five years old next year. The installation was conducted by the vice-president of the Western Conference, the Rev. Howard A. Kuhnle, who also delivered the charge to the pastor. The charge to the congregation was given by the Rev. Robert W. Fairman, new pastor of St. Paul's, Dansville. The liturgist was the Rev. Harold A. Wolff. Ordained in 1934, Pastor Wright is a native of Berne, N. Y., and was educated at Wittenberg College and Hartwick Seminary. He served our church at Raymertown, N. Y., from 1934 until he came to Cohocton. During this time the church had a steady growth.

Mrs. Wright, the former Maud May Cowan, also a native of Berne, was trained at the Baltimore Motherhouse. They have two children, Miriam and Maurice.

The Rev. Harold A. Wolff was installed July 4 as pastor of St. John's Church, Potter, which is 102 years old, or more. The Rev. Howard A. Kuhnle read the installation service and delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Robert W. Stackel of Rochester, who is secretary of the conference, preached the sermon to the congregation. The liturgist was Pastor Wright. A native of Charleston, S. C., Pastor Wolff was trained at Newberry College, and the Southern Seminary, '34. He was at the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., from June 1934 until January 1, 1936, and served at Radford and Lynchburg, Va., in 1936. He served the Blythewood Parish, South Carolina, from October 1936 until March 1, 1938, and was ordained by the South Carolina Synod in 1937. From 1938 until he came to Potter, Pastor Wolff had a varied experience with the Board of American Missions in Georgia, South Carolina,

Mississippi, Arkansas, Indiana, and Texas, and finally over two years in the southern mountain work in the Helton Parish, Virginia, where he was associated with Pastors A. Kenneth Hewitt and Kenneth G. Killinger. Mrs. Wolff, the former Erin Lever, a native of Blythewood, S. C., is also a graduate of Newberry, '35. They have one child, Larry Kent, born last August 27.

A well-known member of the Potter church is Mrs. Dorothea Reissig, now past eighty, the widow of a former pastor. Mrs. Elizabeth Baehnisch, widow of another former pastor, died last January 25, having also served with her husband in India, Turkey, Rumania, Northwest Canada, and the United States.

The Rev. Luther B. Scheehl, now pastor of Trinity, Herkimer, served the Cohocton and Potter churches from 1930 until 1940. He was succeeded by the Rev. Leopold W. Bernhard at Cohocton and the Rev. Rudolph F. Ludwig at Potter, both of whom resigned in 1942.

SISTER LOUISE STITZER

who became parish deaconess of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., during the pastorate of the late Dr. Franklin F. Fry, in September 1922,



Sister Louise Stitzer

has left this work to take up residence at the Baltimore Motherhouse July 1, for reasons of health.

Sister Louise is a native of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., where she was baptized by the late Dr. J. A. Singmaster, later president of Gettysburg Seminary, and was confirmed by Dr. P. C. Croll. She taught school in Schuylkill Haven

for eleven years, and was consecrated to the diaconate April 23, 1907.

Her first parish duties were at St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Ind., 1905-1907. She served St. Paul's Church, York, Pa., 1907-13, and from 1912 to 1922 was Training Sister at the Baltimore Motherhouse.

Work in Rochester

The work in the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, is divided into three parts, with the pastor having general oversight and specializing in evangelism. The assistant pastor is in charge of religious education and young people's work. Sister Louise's main field was social service—the work of serving love. She administered the parish benevolence fund, established long before depression days; visited homes in the community—a typical downtown area; watched over certain families and actually moulded them and influenced their children; and secured jobs for many persons. She was also in charge of all children's work in the church up to the junior age, assisted in the daily vacation Bible school ever since coming to Rochester, and taught classes Saturdays and Mondays during the school year. She was active in the supervision of the women's organizations, and did general parish and sick visitation besides.

Sister Louise was also active in work outside of the congregation. As the only deaconess in the Western Conference of the United Synod of New York her presence served to publicize the work. She was secretary of deaconess work of the Conference Women's Missionary Society for many years, organized the Mothers' Club of the Inner Mission Society, and was active in the children's work of the Federation of Churches and the Council of Church Women.

In January 1943 she was elected by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church to membership on the Deaconess Board, the first deaconess to be so honored.

She has gone to Baltimore to be housemother of a boarding home for working girls on the Motherhouse grounds, which was opened on account of the scarcity of homes. A building formerly occupied by the Superintendent of Instruction is being used for this purpose.

Of Sister Louise, who was greatly beloved by the members of this large congregation, Dr. Frederick R. Knubel, the pastor, says, "Sister Louise has been the pastor's chief helper during her twenty-one years of service. Her value has been not only in her service but in her Christian character and wise counseling. She has truly worked with an eye single to the glory of the Lord."

Pilgrimage

The annual Lutheran Pilgrimage was held in the Highland Park Bowl instead of at a rural church. The emphasis this year honored those in the service of the nation, a service flag with the figure 1,129 being on display. The afternoon speaker was Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker of Minneapolis, director of the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. Dr. F. R. Knubel spoke in the evening on "The Church and the World After the War." The committee from the local pastoral conference consisted of Pastors Erich O. Brandt of Webster, A. M. Goehle of East Rochester (American Lutheran Church), Thomas A. Berg, Eugene L. Stowell, and Alfred J. Schroder of Rochester.

Although the Genesee Valley District Luther League was not privileged to entertain the biennial convention of the Luther League of America, because of existing conditions, the State Luther League held a successful convention, July 2-5, centering in the Church of the Reformation, Rochester. Re-elected president was Clarence L. Neun, and

William Schlageter was elected president of the Intermediates. Both are members of St. John's, Rochester, the Rev. Paul Schmieder pastor. Next year's convention will be held in Buffalo.

The Rochester Chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of the Philadelphia Seminary was formed by means of a visit of Mrs. Oscar C. Schmidt of Philadelphia, representing the Extension Committee of the organization. Officers are Mrs. F. R. Knubel, wife of the pastor of Reformation, president; Mrs. Walter Krumwiede, wife of the pastor of Grace, vice-president; Mrs. Charles J. Foster (Grace), secretary; Mrs. Heiby W. Ungerer (Reformation), treasurer; and Mrs. Robert W. Stackel, wife of the pastor of Emmanuel Church, financial secretary. The next meeting of the Rochester chapter will be held in September.

The Rev. Eugene L. Stowell, chairman of Lutheran World Action for the Western Conference, announces that the goal has been reached. So far, forty-one congregations have reached their quotas.

East Pennsylvania Conference News

By LESTER M. UTZ

The Outwood Lutheran Church, built in 1932 under the pastorate of Harry S. Dollman, D.D., was rededicated Sunday afternoon, July 4, at a special service in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Lester M. Utz of Pine Grove, Pa. Dr. Allen Chamberlin, pastor of Seventh Street Church, Lebanon, Pa., a college classmate and lifelong friend of the late Dr. Dollman, was the speaker at the dedication service. The Rev. John Youse, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Pine Grove, and a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, brought greetings from members of that body living in the Swatara Valley of Schuylkill County. Both guest ministers assisted in administering the Communion at the special service.

The Service of Rededication marked the completion of improvements, which included painting the interior of the church and the presentation of a number of gifts: altar, lectern and pulpit paraments; chancel, pulpit, lectern and piano lights; pulpit Bible and silk Bible markers for pulpit and lectern; wooden offering plates; silver baptismal bowl, vases, bulletin board, electric clock, and linoleum for the vestibule and two classrooms in the Sunday school. All improvements were paid for on the day of dedication.

Tenth Anniversary

Recently the English Lutheran Church at Minersville celebrated the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Ernest N. Bauer. Services were held in the church at Minersville and at Trinity Church, Buck Run, and receptions were held for the pastor and his wife and substantial gifts were presented to them by each congregation.

A splendid record of achievement has been attained by Pastor Bauer in this ten-year pastorate. In this work his wife shared. She was especially active in the Women's Missionary Society of the conference.

Luther Leaguers Meet

The Luther Leagues of Schuylkill County met in summer convention in the Lutheran Church at Minersville, and heard the Rev. William J. Ducker, associate secretary of the Luther League of America, deliver an inspiring message on the theme, "What do ye more than these?"

Approximately 100 young people from Leagues of the Central Pennsylvania Synod in Ashland, Gordon, Minersville, Schuylkill Haven, and Pine Grove were in attendance. Following the formal program, a social hour was enjoyed.

Welcome to Los Angeles, California



THE FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
3119 W. Sixth Street
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, D.D., Pastor
In the heart of the Wilshire district.
Morning Worship, 11:00 O'clock.

When in San Francisco Attend
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1135 O'FARRELL STREET

Founded in 1849

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A. M.
CHIEF SERVICE 11:00 A. M.
YOUTH SERVICE 7:00 P. M.

The Reverend J. George Dorn, D.D.,
Pastor

HOLY TRINITY
ENGLISH EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

28th Avenue South and East 31st Street
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

CARL H. BARTSCH, Pastor

Two Services: 8:00 A. M.—10:45 A. M.
Church School, 9:30 A. M.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper.
First Sunday at 8:00 A. M.
First Wednesday at 8:00 P. M.

Welcome to Our Services

Highly Successful in Appeal

The congregations of the East Pennsylvania Conference have done a splendid piece of work in the Lutheran World Action appeal under the immediate direction of the Rev. George Miller of Harrisburg. Although not all the returns are in, more than half of the congregations have either reached their quota or gone "over the top."

One parish of three congregations reports having contributed 100, 140 and 150 per cent respectively. This same parish of 700 members reports having 101 men and women in the service of the country. Another large city congregation reports having gone over its quota by \$500, the total figure of their contributions being more than \$2,000.

The Rev. John Youse, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Pine Grove, took up his duties as regular supply pastor of Hetzel's Church, R. D., July 11. This church was formerly served by the Rev. Nevin Gehrhart of Allentown, Pa.

Welcome to Des Moines, Iowa



ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH AVE. and KEOSAUQUA WAY
This downtown church especially welcomes visitors, members of the WAAC and men in the Service.

Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., Pastor
Rev. George P. Krebs, B.D., Associate
Services at 9:15 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.

When in St. Louis, Missouri, visit FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALFRED L. GREWE, D.D., Pastor
2831 Kingshighway Memorial Blvd.
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:45 A. M.

When in the Nation's Capital Visit LUTHER PLACE MEMORIAL

"The Church at the Luther Monument"
Thomas Circle, 14th and N Sts., N. W.
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45
The Morning Service at 11:00
Young People's Luther League at 7:30 P. M.
Prayers of Intercession Daily at 5:00 P. M.
L. Ralph Tabor, Pastor

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

OF MANHATTAN
LEXINGTON AVE. and 54TH ST.
NEW YORK CITY
GUEST PASTORS
SUNDAY SERVICES

German 9:45 A. M.
English 11:15 A. M.

When visiting New York, make
this your church home.

When in Baltimore visit TRINITY Lutheran Church

2100 W. Baltimore St.
Two blocks west from
Highway No. 1 on Baltimore Street. Car No. 15
from the center of the
city direct to the church.

P. S. Baringer, D.D.,
Pastor

SERVICES 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A. M.
A Cordial Welcome to All

Synodical Co-operation and Leadership

Lutheran Leadership Training School of South Carolina and
Georgia-Alabama Synods Held in Columbia

By J. M. FRICK

THOSE who contend that the old adage, "Where there's a will there's a way," is out in wartime, and those who believe there is nothing but prejudice and ill-will among Protestant groups in America, were proven wrong when the *Summer School for Church Workers of the South Carolina and Georgia-Alabama Synods* was held in Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., June 27 to July 3. Last year these synods were forced to suspend their practice of holding a joint leadership training school with the North Carolina Synod. Accordingly a school was arranged and successfully conducted at Newberry College. Its success was so satisfying that plans were announced for the school at Newberry in 1943.

However, some months before the dates set for the school it became evident that Newberry College could not offer its facilities both to the U. S. Navy for cadet training in the V-12 program and to the synods for their school. The Navy had priority, so the leadership training school at Newberry was out for 1943. There remained only a few faithful souls whose spirits were undaunted, in spite of illness which kept the elected director and dean from being active in making substitute plans. The Parish Education Committees from the two synods unanimously elected the Rev. J. Obert Kempson to act as director and dean until the elected dean might be able to serve. It was largely due to the fine co-operation existing between the two synodical committees and the energetic leadership of the Rev. J. Obert Kempson that the school was such a success.

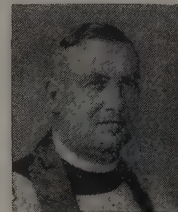
Lutherans Enjoy Hospitality of Methodist College

The facilities of Columbia College, a Methodist school for girls, were placed at the disposal of the Lutherans. Numerous expressions of good will and mutual blessing were given both by the Lutherans who enjoyed the Methodist college facilities and by the corps of Methodist workers on the campus who cared for our physical needs and comforts.

The opening service of the school was held Sunday evening, June 27, at which time the keynote address was given by Dr. John L. Yost of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Georgia-Alabama Synod. He inspired the school to deeper spiritual devotion in religious education as he spoke on "Keeping

Your Eyes Fastened on Christ," using the text Luke 4: 20.

The school opened with the Matins Service each morning conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer of Clinton, S. C., followed by Bible study. This was led by Dr. M. R. Hamsher of Harrisburg, Pa., president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod. Dr. Hamsher used for the Bible study



When in MILWAUKEE Come to REDEEMER

1905 W. Wisconsin Ave.
REV. A. A. ZINCK, D.D.

Services at 9 A. M. and 10:30 A. M.

Out of town visitors are welcomed at Redeemer, the downtown congregation. Take Wisconsin Avenue bus, Wells or Clybourn St. cars west to Nineteenth St.

When in Atlantic City visit your Lutheran Church

ST. ANDREW'S-BY-THE-SEA
Michigan and Pacific Avenues
Richard F. Garnet, Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A. M.
THE SERVICE 11:15 A. M.
VESPERS 8:00 P. M.

"For Spiritual Refreshment."

St. Paul, Minnesota FAITH LUTHERAN

CHARLES AVE. and MACKUBIN ST.
SERVICES 8 A. M. and 11 A. M.
CHARLES L. GRANT, D.D., Pastor

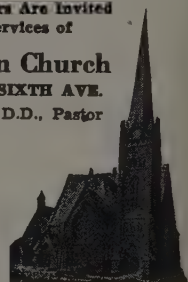
PITTSBURGH Visitors Are Invited
to attend the Services of

First Lutheran Church
GRANT ST., Near SIXTH AVE.
REV. A. J. HOLL, D.D., Pastor

Sunday Services
9:30 A. M.
11:00 A. M.

*"To be spiritually
minded is life and
peace."*

Morning Service
Broadcast over
Sta. W J A S



hour the Epistle to the Galatians, interpreting its truths for our own day. Each day's activities were closed with the family altar period.

Parish School Studies

For study the school was divided into three departments: Adults, Youth, and Children of the Church. In the adult department five leadership classes were taught by the Rev. Arthur H. Getz of the Parish and Church School Board; the Rev. W. H. Lefstead of Summer-ville, S. C.; the Rev. J. M. Frick of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Mary Christine Losse of Charleston, S. C.; and Miss Lucy Brady of Columbia. In these classes eighteen First Series and forty-one Second Series Course Cards were earned.

The Youth Department used as its theme, "My Neighbor and I." The Bible Hour for youth was conducted by the Rev. Edgar D. Zeigler of Columbia. Classes for youth were taught by Mrs. Maben Jones and Mrs. John Miller of Columbia, Miss Helen Derrick and Mrs. Albert Frey of Augusta, Ga., Miss Elizabeth Bischoff of Charleston, and Mrs. W. J. Moretz of Ehrhardt, S. C. Seventy-one cards were awarded.

The Children of the Church were under the direction of Mrs. J. V. Long of Prosperity, S. C.; Mrs. Murray Counts of Little Mountain, S. C.; and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller of Elberton, Ga. Twenty Enrichment Course cards were awarded in this group.

Conference Groups

The Pastor-Laymen Conferences were led by Dr. Hamsher and Dr. Amos J. Traver of Frederick, Md. Dr. Traver was also the effective evening lecturer. Fifty-three pastors and several laymen attended the conferences. The Women's Missionary Society conferences were led by Miss Marie Heinsohn of Charleston with fifty-two women attending. The Luther League conferences were led by the Rev. William J. Ducker of Philadelphia. Hymn study periods for the adult and youth departments were conducted each day by Miss Winnie Butt of Charleston.

Total enrollment was 223 with approximately 150 visitors attending some sessions. The administrative officers were: Director, the Rev. J. Obert Kempson, acting in absence of Dr. W. A. Reiser on account of illness; dean, the Rev. Carl B. Caughman; registrar-treasurer, the Rev. Henry D. Kleckley. The recreational director was the Rev. Edgar D. Zeigler.

The whole school was characterized by its applicability to current thought and life. In all classes, conferences and lectures the fundamentals of the faith were kept clear and the place of the faith in our day was emphasized.

TOMORROW'S TOP-NOTCH MEN AND WOMEN

are getting their training today. You may make big money now but what about later?

Wittenberg's courses are developed for young people who are ambitious to secure the best education.

You will never regret seeing what Wittenberg has to offer before you choose your college.

Write Today for Information.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Service Men Honored

Richmond Hill, N. Y. The Church of St. Andrew, Paul Y. Livingston, D.D., pastor, made the recent national holiday, July 4, an occasion of special significance to the members of Saint Andrew's Parish.

In October 1942 a beautiful colonial-pillared honor plaque to the members of the congregation in the armed services was dedicated. It was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gunther Beake, battalion fire chief of Lower Manhattan, New York City. June 27, 1943, a gold star service was held, its purpose being a memorial to the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beake, Lt. William G. Beake, whose death occurred in North Africa May 27.

St. Andrew's congregation has about 150 men in the armed forces of the United States, and prior to Sunday, July 4, contact was made with the absentees by visits to the residences of their families in the parish. As a result of these visits, the special prayer service held in the church July 4 was so largely attended as to fill the church to capacity. Service men home on furlough were invited to come to the chancel and receive the pastor's greeting in the name of the congregation.

The interest shown in this particular service has continued and manifests itself in restorations to the list of active members and in the finding of new families who want to join the congregation.

A Mortgage Burning

In the prosperity of the 1920's Honterus Church, Gary, Ind., with only a few members undertook a building program at a cost of \$40,000 in the hope that all Siebenbuerger-Saxons in Gary would become members and make the payment possible within a reasonably short time. This dream soon vanished; and in the lean years of the 1930's the church, as well as the officers who had signed certain papers for the congre-

The Lutheran Theological Seminary

GETTYSBURG, PA.

Begins its 118th Year

SEPTEMBER 1, 1943

Courses leading to B.D. and S.T.M. degrees.

For information address

Abdel Ross Wentz, President
GETTYSBURG, PA.

Gowns for Pulpit and Choir

Superfrontals, pulpit and lectern hangings, bookmarkers, communion linens, materials cut out. Catalogue and samples on request.

Office and Salesroom
J.M. HALL, INC. 14 W. 40th St., New York
Tel. CHickering 4-3306
Address all correspondence to Miss J. Hall,
Delhi, New York. Tel. Delhi 33F21

Aeolian-Skinner

ANNOUNCES

a new design for a small organ for small churches.

Full description upon request.

AEOLIAN-SKINNER ORGAN CO.
Boston, Mass.

gation, nearly lost their property. As late as 1941 doubts were expressed as to the advisability of continuing this field.

With the help of the Divisional Secretary of Church Extension, Mr. E. L. Bowman, a refinance plan was worked out beginning 1942 so that payments were made easier. The members took new courage and decided to wipe out the mortgage resting on the parsonage by special gifts. And now the sixty families have contributed \$2,084 and are rejoicing.

ERICH PETERSEN.

NURSING

Tuition, Room, Board
Monthly Stipend
Provided by Bolton
Bill recently passed
by Congress.

WAGNER COLLEGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL
OF NURSING
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

NEXT CLASS—
AUGUST 21, 1943

Western Theological Seminary

The Seminary of The United Lutheran
Church west of the Mississippi River
For catalog and information address
DEAN THOMAS D. RINDE
1643 N. Nye Ave., Fremont, Nebr.

ATLANTIC CITY THE ORVILLE

South Tennessee near Beach. European Plan.
Running Water. Free Bathing. Rooms. \$1.00 up.
Booklet.—J. M. Roesch.

Secretarial training opens the way to greater
opportunities in the LITERARY, PROFESSIONAL
and BUSINESS WORLD. Write for
free copy, "You Would If You Really Knew."
S. M. FUNK, Ph.D., President

Columbia
COLLEGE
Hagerstown, Md.

Nursing Service Urgently Needed

Help Your Country and Yourself
TRAIN TO BE A PRACTICAL NURSE
THE VOCATIONAL HOSPITAL TRAINING
SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSES

A Nationally Recognized School
OFFERS WOMEN FROM 18 to 50
A NINE MONTHS' COURSE

Eight Classes a Year

Next Classes begin September 1 and October 15

Write for information

VOCATIONAL HOSPITAL, INC.
5511 Lyndale Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

If You're Going to the Movies

CONSULT THESE ESTIMATES OF CURRENT FILMS

Films marked *M* may appeal to Mature Audience.

Films marked *Y* may appeal to Young People.

Films marked *C* may appeal to Children.

Prepared by Independent Filmscores, a private reviewing service

BEST CURRENT FILMS

For Family: *Air Force*, *Bambi*, *The Human Comedy*, *In Which We Serve*, *My Friend Flicka*, *The Pride of the Yankees*, *Saludos Amigos*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

For Mature Audience: *Casablanca*, *Desert Victory*, *Five Graves to Cairo*, *The Immortal Sergeant*, *Keeper of the Flame*, *Mission to Moscow*, *The Moon Is Down*, *The More the Merrier*, *The Pied Piper*, *Random Harvest*, *Shadow of a Doubt*, *The Siege of Leningrad*, *Tennessee Johnson*, *This Land Is Mine*.

<i>Background to Danger</i> (War.) Sidney Greenstreet Peter Lorre George Raft	<i>Melodrama.</i> American, Russian and German secret agents chasing each other all around Ankara and Istanbul.	Because of the expertly maintained suspense, you don't notice until in retrospect how illogical and unmotivated most of the events have been. <i>M, Y</i>
--	---	--

<i>Good Morning, Judge</i> (Univ.) L. Allbritton Dennis O'Keefe	<i>Comedy.</i> A woman lawyer takes on case of plagiarism, spars with defendant out of court, falls in love with him.	A minor item that manages to provide trivial entertainment. Considerable drinking en route. <i>M, Y</i>
---	---	--

<i>Spy Train</i> (Mono.) Catherine Craig Richard Travis	<i>Melodrama.</i> Intrigue, espionage, murder, and a time bomb in ownership-changing suitcase—all on a speeding train.	Far-fetched, routine spy yarn. <i>M</i>
---	--	--

<i>Stage Door Canteen</i> (UA) Lon McCallister Wm. Terry Cheryl Walker	<i>Variety</i> program with appearances of famous actors, musicians, bands, at famous New York canteen for service men.	Thread of plot commendably unobtrusive, with attention centered on acts, which despite length are varied, entertaining. <i>M, Y, C</i>
---	---	---

<i>Varsity Show</i> (War.) Dick Powell Fred Waring and orchestra	<i>Musical.</i> Band leader out of work returns to campus to confound faculty critics, help students stage annual show.	A caricature of campus life, tuneful at times, feeble in story and juvenile in execution. <i>Y</i>
--	---	---

<i>The Youngest Profession</i> (MGM) Edward Arnold Marta Linden V. Wiedler	<i>Comedy.</i> Teen-age girls found celebrities for autographs, carry out wild plans to prevent wholly imaginary rift between parents.	Some fair comedy scenes when subject is autograph nuisances, but the domestic plot has nothing to do with film, is far-fetched, unmotivated. <i>Overdone.</i> <i>M, Y</i>
---	--	---

Kentucky-Tennessee Luther League Convention

THE annual convention of the Kentucky-Tennessee Synodical Luther League was held June 15 and 16 at Fenner Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky., the Rev. Roger G. Imhoff pastor. It was inspiring to know that even in these war times when we're all pressed for time and traveling is difficult, 76 delegates and visitors registered, and 85 per cent of the churches in the synod were represented.

The theme was, "The Whole Armor of God," and the three phases studied were: "The Need of the Armor," "The Use of the Armor," and "The Armor of God for Our Victory."

The convention opened with the president, Miss Mildred Franck, presiding. An informal discussion led by Miss Phyllis Kanzler of Louisville on, "Members to Have and to Hold," proved quite beneficial. Supper was served by the women of Fenner Memorial in the parish house.

The Rev. R. H. Trojan of Newport, Ky., delivered the message at the Vesper Service on the theme, "The Armor of God Against Our Enemies." The evening closed with a social hour in the parish house.

Wednesday morning devotions were led by Miss Mary Ann Rollins of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Sara Leiter, a member of the executive committee of the Luther League of America, presented the national program, and added to the interest of the convention. In the after-

noon Chaplain Ira Fritz, Fort Knox, Ky., spoke on, "Service for Our Service Men," and William Klapper, Jr., of Louisville led the discussion, and told how the members of the Luther League are engaged in serving the men in the armed forces.

Mr. Frank Richterkessing of Louisville presented technicolor movies, depicting travel scenes in Kentucky parks and the Kentucky Derby.

The convention closed Wednesday evening with a banquet, at which the Rev. Edward E. Hummon of Memorial Church, Louisville, was the speaker. His message was enjoyed.

Dr. Clayton Robertson of Louisville, the League's advisor, was in charge of the candlelight installation service for the officers for the coming year: President, William Klapper, Jr., Louisville; vice-president, Emma Kathryn Feldkircher, Nashville; treasurer, Phyllis Kanzler, Louisville; recording secretary, Elizabeth Starr, Paducah, Ky.; corresponding secretary, Mary Ann Rollins, Nashville.

The next convention will be held at St. Mark's Church, Newport, Ky.

MARTIN FELDKIRCHER.

OCTOGENARIAN DEAD

JULY 5 Dr. John L. Rothrock, member of Reformation Church, St. Paul, Minn., passed away at the age of eighty years, after an illness of four months.

Dr. Rothrock was born in Pennsylvania, was graduated from Gettysburg College and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. After studying obstetrics, gynecology and pathology in Germany he began his long career of practise in St. Paul with special attention to the fields in which he had specialized.

From 1896 to 1899 he was assistant health commissioner, and for many years was associate professor in his specialty at the University of Minnesota. He was the author of a volume on medical practise. Many physicians sat at his feet and many were present at his funeral in Reformation Church which was conducted by Pastor Karl Tambert, who with Dr. P. H. Roth delivered the funeral addresses.

Dr. Rothrock showed great devotion to his church, being constant in attendance and keeping informed as to its local and general activities. In 1941 he gave \$50,000 to Gettysburg Seminary. In 1942 he gave a similar sum in cash to Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis. He has left the considerable residue of his estate, the amount of which cannot at the moment be stated, to Northwestern Seminary. Dr. Rothrock remained unmarried, but is survived by a number of relatives, of whom Dr. Paul R. Siebert was present at the funeral.

P. H. R.

CONVENTION OF U. L. C. A. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The twelfth convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America will be held in Roanoke, Va., October 2-5, 1943. The sessions will be held in the Hotel Roanoke, where official delegates of the convention will be given hospitality.

Mrs. J. L. Almond, Jr., Rec. Sec.

ASSISTANCE ASKED

The recent ruling by the U. S. Post Office Department which asks the addition of "delivery district numbers" to addresses hitherto satisfactory can be accepted by the secretary's office of the U. L. C. A. if each minister of the Church will promptly send to the secretary's office his name, address, and district number. This addition is needed at once for the clerical directory in the 1944 Year Book.

Send address to

W. H. Greever, D.D., Secretary,
39 East 35th St., New York (16), N. Y.

OBITUARY

Reuben R. Jaxheimer

died at his home in Bethlehem, Pa., after a short illness, at the age of 91 years, 3 months and 12 days.

He was one of the organizers of St. Stephen's Sunday school and was the first superintendent, from October 11, 1896, to January 1920. He also took an active part in the organization of the congregation March 28, 1897, and served as a trustee until 1918. During the greater part of this time he was financial secretary of the congregation. He was also a teacher of the Bible in St. Peter's Church, South Bethlehem, and Grace Church Bethlehem, Pa., and took an active interest in their work.

In the passing of Mr. Jaxheimer, St. Stephen's congregation not only lost a charter member but one regular in attendance as long as health permitted, liberal in his support, and deeply interested in the activities of the church. He was often the delegate from his congregation to conventions of the conference and synod.

He was buried from his late residence July 13, and was laid to rest in the Memorial Park Mausoleum at Bethlehem. The service was in charge of the Rev. David H. Frederick, pastor of St. Stephen's.

Mr. Jaxheimer is survived by five sons and two daughters: William H. Jaxheimer, an active member of St. James Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Erwin R. Jaxheimer, St. Luke's Church, Woodhaven, N. Y.; John L. Jaxheimer, Bethlehem, Pa., superintendent of St. Stephen's Sunday school since 1920; Harry E. Jaxheimer, at home; the Rev. David G. Jaxheimer, Christ Church, Freeport, Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Cora E. Day, at home; and Mrs. Sarah E., wife of the Rev. Orlando S. Yerger, Bethlehem, Pa.

David H. Frederick.

Wert Baxter Rhyne, Jr.

son of Wert B. and Irene Aderholdt Rhyne, was born in Cherryville, N. C., September 28, 1921. He received his public school education in the Cherryville schools, where he was an honor student throughout the course. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1942, and entered the Lutheran Southern Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in September 1942. He promptly became a part of the life of the institution and endeared himself to his roommate, Joseph Killinger, and to others of the student body. Previous experience in handling such difficult problems as present themselves to youth, together with his cheerful outlook on life, enabled him to make a lasting impression on his contemporaries in the seminary.

He had almost completed his first year of work when he was stricken, and departed this life in Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, near Baltimore, Md., May 16.

Wert was a faithful member of St. John's Church, Cherryville. He took an active part in the work of the Luther League, and for five summers had served as counselor at Piedmont Scout Camp at Tryon, N. C.

His was a life of rectitude. He was thorough in any task that he undertook, and accepted each responsibility with the determination to see it through. His life was a fine example for the young and an inspiration to his family and the community in which he lived.

He leaves to mourn his departure his parents and two sisters, Frances and Vivian.

The funeral service was conducted from St. John's Church, Cherryville, by his pastor, the Rev. W. G. Cobb, assisted by Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the United Synod of North Carolina, Dr. E. C. Cooper, and the Rev. John Schmidt of the Seminary at Columbia, and Dr. P. E. Monroe, president of Lenoir Rhyne College.

W. G. Cobb.

WICKS

fine

ORGANS

Soul-stirring tone . . .
... is an inherent part of all
Wicks Organs,—the product of
expertly skilled artist-voicers.

HIGHLAND
★ ILLINOIS ★
Dept. U.L.

Member, Associated Organ Builders of America



Choir & Pulpit GOWNS

Confirmation Robes, Paraments.
Fine materials, beautiful work.
Pleasingly low prices. State your
needs. Catalog, samples on re-
quest. DeMoulin Bros. & Co.
1127 S. 4th St., Greenville, Ill.

Church Furniture

GOLD LEAF WOOD CROSSSES WOOD MEMORIAL TABLETS

CRANCEL ALTERATIONS

DeLong & DeLong

1505 RACE ST. - PHILADELPHIA - PA.
• ALLENTOWN - PA • NEW YORK •



CHURCH PAINTINGS

Mural and Altar

JOHN KROGMANN

ARTIST
Studio 3 3561 W. Fullerton
Chicago

FLAGS

U. S. and SERVICE FLAGS
Wm. Lehmberg & Sons, Inc.
138 N. 10TH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Choir and Pulpit Gowns

Hangings-Ornaments, Etc.

THE C. E. WARD CO., NEW LONDON, OHIO

Confirmation Gowns
Rental Rates on Request.



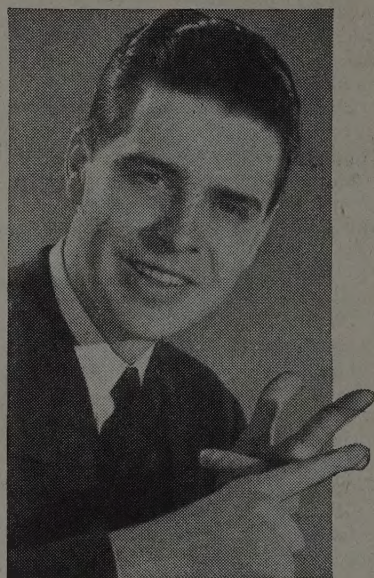
THE PAYNE-SPIERS STUDIOS, inc.
175 FIFTH AVENUE—NEW YORK
STUDIOS: PATERSON, N. J.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

BRONZE TABLETS

MEMORIALS IN WOOD, MARBLE, IRON, MOSAICS
ALTAR FURNISHINGS & DESIGNS SUBMITTED

Three Years Old and Going Places!



THE CHURCH BULLETIN SERVICE CELEBRATES THREE YEARS' SUCCESS

SUBSCRIPTIONS MOUNTING

Each year the **WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN SERVICE** has greatly increased in circulation until today over 200,000 copies are used every week by many hundreds of satisfied congregations, large as well as small.

This growth has proved that an attractive four-page bulletin with an inspired message and illustration on the first and fourth pages has general popular acclaim. The inside pages, reserved for local material has succeeded in creating that personal touch congregations demand.

NEW SERIES

This modern service has made it a policy to give churches what they request. With this in mind, subjects for the year have been carefully selected to cover the entire church field.

The topics for September are:

- Sept. 5—Labor Day Message
- “ 12—Enrolling Confirmation Class
- “ 19—Church Furnishings
- “ 26—Sunday School Teacher

ORDER NOW

While the circulation of The **WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN SERVICE** is going up, the paper supply is going down. Therefore if we are to continue serving you, we must receive your order **at once**. All orders for the month should be submitted early in the preceding month to insure prompt attention.

Standing orders need not be renewed unless a change is desired. All new subscribers or those that desire a change, must place orders by August 10 for the September issues.

UNDATED ISSUES

For the convenience of those who wish to subscribe to undated bulletins that can be used for occasional use, a selection of eight or more are available.

Samples will be sent on application. The price is 40 cents a 100 to regular subscribers; 60 cents a 100 to others.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN PUBLICATION HOUSE

1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.